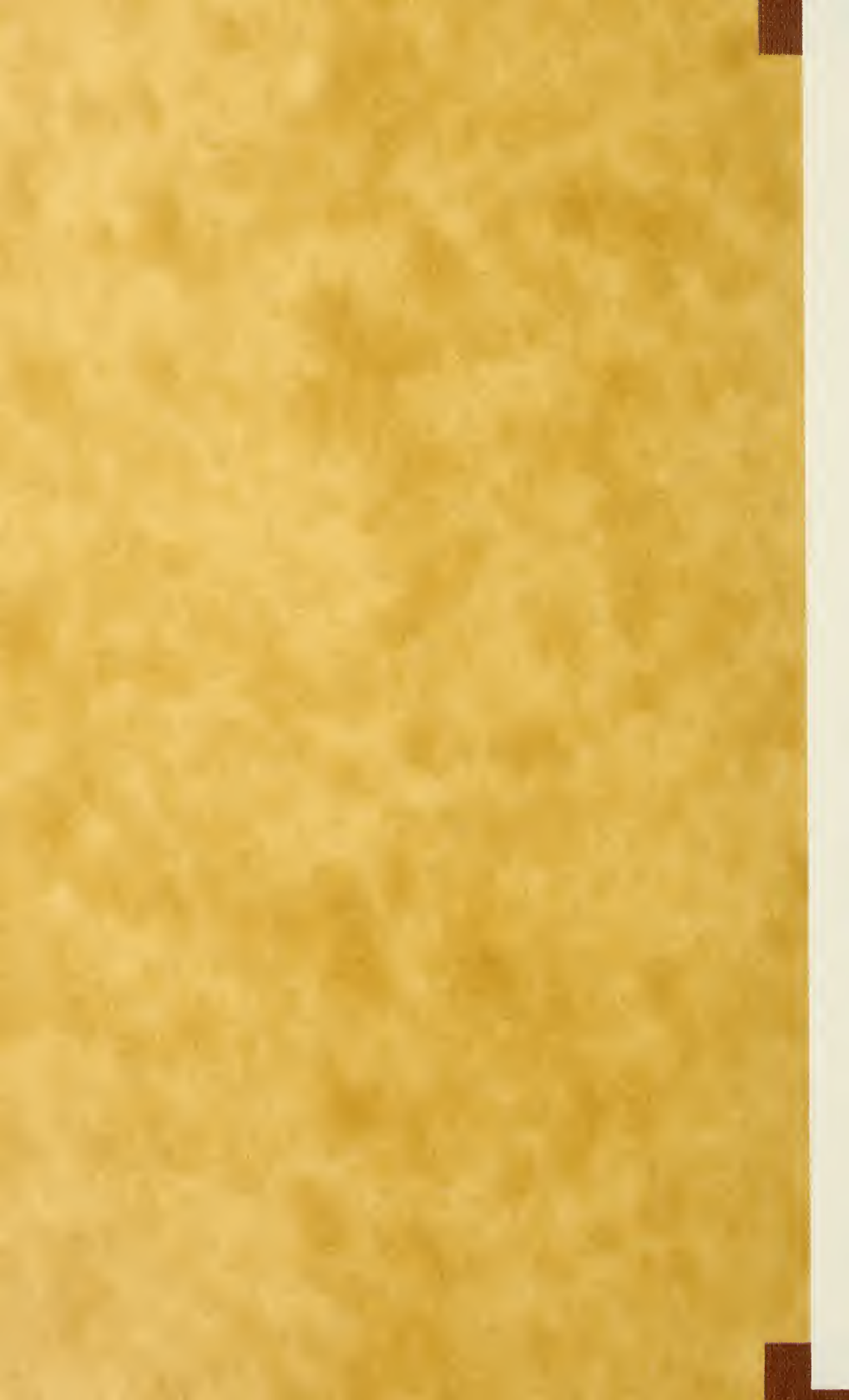


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Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor and
Board of Health.

HORACE L. CUMMINGS, *Chairman*.

STILLMAN M. PRATT. R. DEXTER TEMPLE, *Secretary*.

Town Clerk.

JAMES REID.

Treasurer.

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Collector of Taxes.

HARLEY PRENTISS.

School Committee.

GILMAN L. PARKER, <i>Secretary</i> .	-	Term expires, 1891
WARREN E. EATON,	- - -	" " 1891
WALTER S. PARKER, <i>Chairman</i> .	-	" " 1890
HORACE G. WADLIN,	- - -	" " 1890
EDWARD F. PARKER,	- - -	" " 1889
CYRUS M. BARROWS,	- - -	" " 1889

Road Commissioners.

CHARLES A. WESTON, <i>Chairman</i> .	-	Term expires, 1891
HENRY S. LaCLAIR,	- - -	" " 1890
SAMUEL W. BOWKER,	- - -	" " 1889

Constables.

HENRY STOCK.

LAFAYETTE FORD.

Trustees of the Public Library.

CHARLES D. THOMAS,	-	-	-	Term expires	1891
HARLEY PRENTISS,	-	-	-	" "	1891
JAMES H. GRIGGS,	-	-	-	" "	1890
CYRUS M. BARROWS,	-	-	-	" "	1890
STEPHEN FOSTER, <i>Chairman.</i>	-	-		" "	1889
HORACE G. WADLIN,	-	-	-	" "	1889

Trustees of the Cemetery.

LEWIS M. BANCROFT,	-	-	-	Term expires	1891
OREN N. JONES,	-	-	-	" "	1891
FRANCIS O. DEWEY,	-	-	-	" "	1890
EDWARD APPLETON,	-	-	-	" "	1890
JAMES A. BANCROFT,	-	-	-	" "	1889
FRANK W. B. PRATT,	-	-	-	" "	1889

Board of Registrars.

JAMES REID, *Clerk.*

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Engineers of Fire Department.

EDWARD C. NICHOLS, *Chief.*ARTHUR S. RICHARDSON, *Resigned.*

WENDELL BANCROFT.

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MOSES E. NICHOLS.

Police.

HENRY STOCK.

LAFAYETTE FORD.

CLARENCE J. NICHOLS.

CHARLES S. CONEY, *Resigned.*

Night Watchman.

HENRY STOCK.

CLARENCE J. NICHOLS.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDSON.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN READING FOR THE YEAR 1888.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.
Jan.	8 Daniel Corkery,	M	James and Bridget,	Engineer.
"	9 Ann Julian Jaeguard,	F	Harry and Rose,	Laborer.
"	11 William Francis O'Brien,	M	John and Mary Elizabeth,	Veneer dryer.
"	13 Esther Damon Eames,	F	Paul R. and Maria S.,	Provision dealer.
"	13 John Edward Mellen,	M	Henry and Cassie,	Cabinet maker.
"	19 Peter Ambrose Doucett,	M	John S. and Margaret,	Laborer.
"	21 Agnes Frances Barrett,	F	Edward and Louise M.,	R. R. Conductor.
"	28 Anna Lora Dulong,	F	John R. and Mary E.,	Laborer.
Feb.	2 Albert Chester Mereer,	M	Alexander J. and Annie,	Stone cutter.
"	4 Sydney Freeman Brown,	M	Charles F. and Elizabeth A.,	Patent solicitor.
"	8 George Clifford Stock,	M	Henry and Ada L.,	Watchman.
"	12 Laurence Somerby Winchester,	M	George A. and Maria L.,	Clerk.
"	23 Ralph Eaton Dakin,	M	James O. and Maggie,	Sail maker.
Mar.	3 Bertha Lillian Parker,	F	Fred A. and Jennie D.,	Laundryman.
"	5 Grace Miller Akerley,	F	Oliver L. and Susie J.,	Machinist.
"	5 Hattie May Parker,	F	Frank and Maggie E.,	Boot and Shoe dealer.
"	7 Clarissa Isabel Estelle Nichols,	F	Richard B. and Josephine A.,	Farmer.
"	16 Alice Mildred Heselton,	F	Herbert R. and Lottie B.,	Rubber clothing cutter.
"	19 Joseph Doucett,	M	John C. and Katie,	Stone layer.
"	19 Wendal B. Ambrose,	M	George W. and Emily M.,	Mason.
"	20 George Albert Dane,	M	Octavus J. and Matilda,	Horse dealer.
"	21 Mary Ellen Cullinane,	F	Thomas and Kate,	Section hand.
Apr.	3 Charles Cullinane,	M	Jeremiah and Catharine,	Switchman.
"	4 Johnson,	M	James H. and Arabella,	Harness maker.
"	6 Irving Walter Burt,	M	Walter E. and Alice A.,	Watchmaker.
"	7 Moody,	M	Wellman J. and Ida E.,	Farmer.
"	9 Ralph Gray,	M	Charles W. and	Shoemaker.
"	18 Edwin Christopher Dyer,	M	Horace E. and Mary L.,	Assistant Cashier.
"	26 Andrews,	M	Francis E. and	Shoemaker.
May	1 Helen Letitia Sands,	F	John and Hattie E.,	Currier.
"	16 George Russell Smith,	M	William and Agnes M.,	Machinist.
"	17 Raymond Barrus Temple,	M	Arthur W. and Jennie R.,	Carpenter.
"	23 Genevieve Louise Forbes,	F	Martin and Jennie,	Stone mason.
"	25 Marjorie Elizabeth Davies,	F	Charles E. and Kate C.,	Printer.
"	25 Harland Edmund Livingston,	M	Frederick and Ida,	Teamster.
"	26 Charles Henry Bolton,	M	Henry E. and Alice,	Organ pipe maker.
"	31 Marion Goodwin Eaton,	F	Warren E. and Mary G.,	Teacher.
June	8 Chester Arthur Hazlett,	M	William J. and Sarah,	Rubber worker.
"	16 Annie Lewis Driffin,	F	William J. and Carrie M.,	Market gardener.
"	17 Rachel Bertlestein,	F	Lesser and Esther,	Coat maker.
"	20 Carrie Lucy Osborn Upham,	F	Frederic N. and Carrie,	Clergyman.
"	25 Charles Frederick Myers,	M	Charles F. and Annie Lois,	Japanner.
July	3 Dean Peabody,	M	Dean and Sarah M.,	Salesman.
"	8 Fern Merrow Philbrook,	F	Robert F. and Carrie C.,	Engineer.
"	9 Harold Cummings Livermore,	M	William B. and Grace W.,	Clerk.
"	18 Esther Frances Emerson,	F	Arthur G. and Emily F.,	Farmer.
"	27 Austin Corbin Allard,	M	George A. and Ida G.	Baggage master.
"	29 Catharine Ellen Parkins,	F	William E. and Emily,	Laborer.
Aug.	3 Celia Ward,	F	Katie A. Ward.	
"	3 Mary Louise Froton,	F	Simon P. and Urania A.,	Shoemaker.
"	5 Mary Lilly White,	F	William and Agnes L.,	Fireman.
"	17 Annie White,	F	Joseph H. and Elizabeth,	Rubber worker.
"	23 Almont Harrison Fairbanks,	M	John B. and Grace W.,	Organ pipe maker.
"	27 William Gardner Jeffrey,	M	William B. and Mary P.,	Florist.
"	27 Carter, } Triplets,	M	Adelbert H. and Clara L.,	Music compositor.
"	27 Carter, }	M	" " "	" " "
"	27 Carter, }	F	" " "	" " "
"	28 Annie Beryl Bruorton,	F	Charles and Annie,	Foreman of yard B. & M.
Sept.	3 Lyman Nelson Steele,	M	Fred C. and Eleanor A.,	Painter. [R. R.
"	3 Thomas Francis Turner,	M	John and Bridget,	R. R. employe.
"	5 Ralph Waldo Hunter,	M	Harvey and Laura Adell,	House painter.
"	8 Florence Etta Hobbs,	F	Charles A. and Hattie E.,	Rubber cutter.
"	13 Adelaide Louisa Robertson,	F	James and Jemima S.,	Carpenter.
"	16 Robert Emerson Parker,	M	Walter S. and Belle M.,	Schoolmaster.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN READING 1888, Continued.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX	NAMES OF PARENTS.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.
Sept. 24	Clara A. Resse,	F	Charles A. and Celina,	Laster.
Oct. 11	Dotty Mary Hodson,	F	Alexander and Eliza,	Decorator.
" 14	Agnes Connelly,	F	John and Mary,	Foreman section men.
" 20	Loton James Bryant,	M	Loton W. and Maria L.,	Carpenter.
" 21	Marion Flint Buek,	F	William C. and Sallie A.,	Clerk.
" 21	Albert Henry Castine,	M	Peter and Mary,	Laborer.
" 23	Clinton Dorr Ames,	M	Frank T. and Effie C.,	Telegraph operator.
" 24	Harrison Bradbury Parker,	M	Harrison H. and Harriet A.,	Organ pipe maker.
" 27	Oscar William Bateholder,	M	Adelbert E. and Mary A.,	Farmer.
" 28	William Burrage,	M	George and Agnes,	Stone layer.
" 31	Rena Eloise Flanders,	F	Newell C. and Ida F.,	Laborer.
Nov. 1	Josephine Cummings,	F	Timothy J. and Maria,	Laborer.
" 4	Ernest Edwin Grover,	M	Charles E. and Annie F.,	Mason.
" 11	Andrew Jackson Bowman,	M	Joseph and Margaret,	Glassblower.
" 13	Asa Willie Parker,	M	Asa and Sarah A.,	Farmer.
" 16	Viola Mildred Burehsted,	F	Albert B. and Fannie E.,	Shoe cutter.
" 17	Proton,	F	Alex and Annie B.,	Laborer.
" 30	John Conrad Godfrey Herboltz-	M	J. C. G. E. and Pauline,	Rubber worker.
Dec. 1	Thomas Leon Muse, [heimer,	M	John and Sylvia,	Laborer.
" 2	Alice May Parsons,	F	Henry and Ellen,	Builder.
" 6	Simon Eddie Doucett,	M	David and Charlotte,	Rubber worker.
" 17	Sumner Clarence Whittier,	M	Aristides and Mabel,	Forem'n neckwear Fac'y.
" 19	Wilson Ryder Butler,	M	Wilson R. and Luella S.,	School teacher.
" 21	Bertha Dora Lee,	F	Charles W. and Jennie E.,	Clerk.
" 22	Ralph Haley Johnson,	M	J. Colby and Julia F.,	Farmer and mason.
" 22	Timothy Cauty,	M	Cornelius A. and Margaret A.,	R. R. conductor.
" 26	Duncan Neil McLaren,	M	John and Jessie Ann,	Carpenter.

OMITTED IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX	NAMES OF PARENTS.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.
1835, Sept. 19	Charles Stuart Garrison Rogers,	M	Samuel S. and Louisa B.,	Shoe manufacturer.
1887, March 3	Arthur Andrew Roberts,	M	Francis E. and Phebe H.,	Laborer.
" July 13	Ethel Frances Swaine,	F	Charles H. and Emma M.	Shoe laster.

Whole number of Births registered in 1888, 91. Males, 53; Females, 38; increase over 1887, 16.

Nativity of parents.—American, Fathers, 51; Foreign, 37; Unknown, 1. American Mothers, 52; Foreign, 37. One birth triplets.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN READING FOR THE YEAR 1888.

DATE.	NAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM.	AGE.	OCCUPATIONS.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	BY WHOM MARRIED.
Jan. 2	William H. Wightman, Emily R. Russell,	48	Insurance agent,	Windham, N. H.,	William J. and Sarah C.,	Joseph S. Houghton J. P.,
" 3	Charles E. Fairbanks, Mary E. Stiles,	35	Milliner,	Weld, Me.,	Joseph and Mary,	[Weld, Me.
" 4	George A. Vermille, Flora J. Moar,	27	Salesman,	Medfield,	James and Hannah,	C. T. Douglass, Clergyman,
" 11	Louis William Hawkes, Annie Newton Kingman,	29	At home,	Gilmanston, N. H.,	Samuel G. and Caroline W.,	[Reading.
" 18	William E. Russell, Lois J. Hatfield,	25	Salesman,	Reading,	William and Carrie,	Rev. W. H. Morrison,
" 26	Elmer P. Bancroft, Bessie V. Stone,	28	Milk dealer,	Saugus,	George F. and Sarah,	[Manchester, N. H.
" 29	George W. Wilkinson, Jennie M. Sawyer,	21	At home,	Reading,	Louis P. and Mary A.,	Rev. Henry A. Cooke,
Feb. 16	Frank S. Vermille, Weldon F. Downey,	23	Shipper,	Manchester, N. H.,	Gilman D. and Nancy A.,	[Boston.
Mar. 8	Helen Crane, Sydney D. Heckbert,	24	Shoe laster,	Nova Scotia,	Daniel S. and Electa M.,	Charles J. Staples, Clergyman,
" 14	Estella M. Bowser, Clinton Harris Stearns,	22	At home,	Reading,	Bowman W. and Eliza,	[Reading.
Apr. 4	Florence Johnson Wilson, Adolphe Turner,	32	Brass finisher,	Melrose,	Francis J. and Harriet A.,	Frank S. Adams, Clergyman,
" 12	Sadie Melanson, Ferdinand Jedrey,	29	At home,	Reading,	John C. and Sarah A.,	E. A. Wyman, Clergyman,
" 16	Constance Doucett, Alexander A. Baird,	21	Clerk,	Deep Water, N. S.,	Isaac and Margaret,	[Reading.
" 25	S. Leolone Smith, Lester Fielding,	20	Butcher,	Ohio,	William and Carrie,	[Malden.
" 25	Amie E. Rudolph, La Rue N. Adams,	24	Dressmaker,	Prince Edward's Island,	George and Mary,	Rev. J. White, Bath, Me.
Jan. 29	Mattie F. Wilkins, Lewis W. Snyder,	36	Tailor,	Sackville, N. B.,	Vinal and Jane,	J. H. Humphrey, Clergyman,
Apr. 29	Emma J. Overlock, Simon Froton,	21	At home,	Wakefield,	Joseph and Nancy,	J. H. Humphrey, Clergyman,
May 2	Mary Melanson, August Viofield,	18	At home,	Arlington,	John and Bella,	[Reading.
" 3	Carrie Stafford, Fredric J. Batchelder,	26	At home,	Montreal, Can.,	Charles and Henrietta,	Frank S. Adams, Clergyman,
" 8	Lizzie Carr, James H. Siddle,	21	Domestic,	Nova Scotia,	James and Elizabeth,	Rev. J. E. Millerick,
June 3	Josephine A. Lovewell,	19	Domestic,	Salmon River, N. S.,	Peter and Kate,	[Wakefield.
		26	Domestic,	Naville, N. S.,	Dominique and Vicheline,	D. H. Reardon, Asst Pastor St.
		23	Domestic,	St. John, N. B.,	Alexander and Elizabeth,	[Joseph's Church, Wakefield.
		20	Domestic,	New Brunswick,	William S. and Jane,	C. T. Douglass, Clergyman,
		20	Domestic,	Bradford, Eng.,	John and Mary,	[Reading.
		20	Domestic,	Middleton,	John T. and Sarah Sophia,	O. T. Walker, Minister,
		21	Domestic,	Gardner,	J. N. and Abbie S.,	[Reading.
		27	Domestic,	Andover,	Richard D. and Hannah,	Rev. R. F. Tolman, Pastor of
		24	Domestic,	Salem,	John and Margaret,	[Baptist Church, So. Gardner.
		24	Domestic,	Stockton, Me.,	Asa A. and Sarah A.,	James Field, Justice of the
		26	Domestic,	Tasket, N. S.,	Patrick and Elizabeth,	[Peace, Reading.
		23	Domestic,	Eel Brook, N. S.,	William and Elizabeth,	D. H. Reardon, Asst Pastor St.
		23	Domestic,	Germany,	Peter and Kate,	[Joseph's Church, Wakefield.
		20	Domestic,	East Randolph,	Leonard J. and Emma,	Frederick N. Upham, Pastor
		20	Domestic,	Hampton, Va.,	George W. and Lydia,	[Old South Church, Reading.
		20	Domestic,	Cavendish, Vt.,	Sydney and Sarah,	C. T. Douglass, Clergyman,
		24	Domestic,	Bridgewater,	George P. and Mary,	[Reading.
		33	Domestic,			Rev. J. H. Vincent,
			Domestic,			[Chelmsford, Mass.

June 6	William O. Milbury,	20	Pyrotechnist,	Reading,	William and Annie,	O. T. Walker, Baptist Minis-
" 26	Edith B. Bryden,	18	Coat maker,	Charlestown,	William and Rachel R.,	[fer. Reading.
July 18	Henry Doucet,	23	Laborer,	Salmon River, N. S.,	Casimir and Mary,	D.H. Reardon, Asst Pastor St.
" 18	Monique Boudreau,	27	Employe shoe fac.	Yarmouth, N. S.,	Joseph and Phalalie,	[Joseph's Church, Wakefield.
Aug. 1	Joseph Peabody,	20	Clerk,	Lowell,	Joseph and Millicent,	Frank S. Adams, Clergyman,
" 1	Althea M. Howard,	24	At home,	Reading,	Joel and Maria P.,	[Reading.
" 16	Althea G. Soues,	21	Salesman,	Wakefield,	Gardner G. and Ellen M.,	Frank S. Adams, Clergyman,
" 16	Hannah C. Savage,	21	Necktie maker,	Augusta, Me.,	Charles and Fannie,	[Clergyman.
Sept. 26	William H. Manning,	17	Station v engine'r,	Reading,	Charles K. and Mary L.,	Frank S. Adams, Clergyman,
" 26	Jennie L. Lottrop,	19	Coat maker,	Evansville, Ind.,	Isaac P. and Mary M.,	[Reading.
Oct. 23	William O. Richardson,	25	Clerk,	Reading,	Henry M. and Lydia,	Rev. D. A. Newton,
" 23	Inez O. Poole,	22	At home,	Rockland,	John S. and Susan J.,	[Stoneham, Mass.
" 24	Charles Henry Moore,	47	Organ pipe voicer,	Boston,	Andrew T. and Catherine,	Charles H. Oliphant, Pastor
" 24	Martha Anna Chamberlain,	42	Necktie maker,	Andover,	Charles W. and Mary Anna,	[First Church, Methuen, Mass.
" 24	John C. Stone,	70	Shoe cutter,	Stoneham,	Aaron and Lydia,	Frank S. Adams, Clergyman,
" 24	Eliza A. Jones,	58	Housekeeper,	Westford,	Thomas and Lucinda,	[Reading.
" 25	Walter Cook Kendall,	25	Cabinet maker,	Reading,	David H. and Sophia R.,	Frank S. Adams, Clergyman,
" 25	Mary Plugree Russell,	20	At home,	Andover,	Augustine K. and Abbot,	[Reading.
" 25	Owen E. Powers,	24	Blacksmith,	Nova Scotia,	John and Jane,	O. T. Walker, Minister,
" 29	Elia F. Cleaveland,	23	Coat maker,	Reading,	Cyrenus C. and Rebecca N.,	[Reading.
" 31	Elizabeth E. Smith,	23	Cabinet maker,	Bath, N. H.,	Samuel and Julia A. E.,	Rev. James Cairnes,
Nov. 1	Benjamin Austin Parker,	24	Book-keeper,	Boston,	Benjamin Thos. and Charlotte A.	[Woodsville, N. H.
" 1	Emma Florence Adams,	27	At home,	Topsfield,	Ben. Franklin and Mehtable F.	Frank S. Adams, Clergyman,
" 3	Arthur E. Abbott,	25	Salesman,	Andover,	Charles B. and Martha L.,	[Reading.
" 3	Georgia P. Pendergrace,	63	Shoe stitcheer,	North Truro,	Edward T. and Sarah H.,	Frank S. Adams, Clergyman,
" 7	Newton Symonds,	25	Farmer,	Reading,	Eben D. and Rebecca,	[Reading.
" 7	Betsy Stevenson,	53	Housekeeper,	Hampden, Me.,	Oliver and Dorcas,	O. T. Walker, Minister,
" 18	Arthur T. McKay,	23	Organ pipe maker	Reading,	James and Susan R.,	[Reading.
" 18	Gerrude L. Brown,	22	At home,	Gray, Me.,	Alvin and Sarah F.,	Rev. Ebenezer S. Jordan,
" 28	Timothy Morrillan,	35	Laborer,	Ireland,	John and Mary,	[New Gloucester, Me.
" 29	Margret Odumane,	22	Domestic,	Ireland,	Daniel and Nora,	Rev. J. E. Millerick,
" 29	John P. Cook,	33	Piano maker,	Gloucester, N. H.,	John and Betsy J.,	[Wakefield.
" 29	John A. Hartbowen,	25	At home,	Bavaria,	Samuel G. and Caroline P.,	[Reading.
" 29	Wm. Harding Trueworthy,	25	Orna. weaver,	Reading,	John C. and Elizabeth,	Frank S. Adams, Clergyman,
Dec. 16	Amie O'Brien,	27	Rubber cutter,	Rockland, Me.,	Charles L. and Mary A.,	[Reading.
" 16	Thomas J. Watson,	25	R. R. signal man,	Reading,	Accl and Ivan,	Rev. J. E. Millerick,
" 31	Sarah Platt,	40	Dry goods dealer,	Holton, Me.,	James and Mary Ann,	[Wakefield.
" 31	Edward W. Flint,	39	Laborer,	Boston,	John and Emma,	O. T. Walker, Minister,
" 31	Lillian G. Brewer,	24	At home,	Amherst, N. H.,	Loreuz and Mary,	[Reading.
" 31		20		Portland, Me.,	Charles E. and Mary J.,	O. T. Walker, Minister,
" 31					Charles H. and Emma J.,	[Reading.

Whole number of Marriages, 42, Nativity of persons married : American, Males, 30; Females, 32; Foreign, Males, 12; Females, 10.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN READING FOR THE YEAR 1888.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE. Y.M.D.	NAMES OF HUSBAND OR PARENTS.	DISEASE, OR CAUSE OF DEATH
Jan. 9	Benjamin F. Adams,	80	Benjamin and Sarah,	Heart Disease.
" 12	Harriet H. Conant,	98 6 22	John and Susanna,	Chronic Bronchitis.
" 19	Amanda Robinson,	76 8 10	Benjamin and Miriam,	Softening of Brain.
" 22	Peter Froton,	77	Victor and Margaret,	Hernia.
" 30	Hattie E. Holman,	30 7 27	Warren Q. and Adeline,	Consumption.
Feb. 6	William H. Willis,	71 22	Isaac and Lydia,	Bronchitis.
" 14	Cornelia N. Eames,	57 7	John and Anar,	Cancer.
" 18	Thomas Jefferson Mayall,	61 6 8	Joseph and Patience,	Disease of Heart.
" 26	Nancy A. Gleason,	74 3 9	Gilman C. Gleason,	Softening of Brain.
Mar. 17	Priscilla Killam,	73 9 17	Samuel and Lois,	Marasmus.
" 18	John Knights,	73 7	John and Martha,	Heart Disease.
" 19	Stephen M. Hall,	75 3	Stephen and Anna,	Bronchitis.
Apr. 4	Johnson,		James and Arabella,	Stillborn.
" 7	Moody,		Wellman J. and Ida E.,	Stillborn.
" 15	Benjamin Rutherford,	58	Eliza Rutherford,	Typhoid Pneumonia.
" 15	Clara Tuttle,	27 21	Zeb. S. & Hannah E. Knight,	Consumption.
" 24	George Hubbard,	78 7	John and Emma,	Epilepsy.
" 28	John Taylor,	60 3 18	John and Agnes,	Cancer of Liver.
" 30	Sarah H. Symonds,	60 5 10	Daniel and Esther,	Pleuro-Pneumonia.
May 2	Charles Tweed,	74 1 11	James and Sally,	Paralysis.
" 11	Atkins Rich,	60 1 26	William and Hannah,	Neuralgia of Heart.
" 13	Francis A. Phelps,	61 1 26	Jacob and Rebecca,	Heart Disease.
" 24	Annah H. Buxton,	50 11 16	Jesse B. and Ann F. Monroe,	Consumption.
" 26	John C. Gleason,	43 2 4	John W. and Velina,	Consumption.
June 9	Reuben Weston,	86 6 5	Jabez and Lucy,	Old Age.
" 10	Cora E. Abbott,	48 6 21	Samuel R. and Lucy J. Allen,	Disease of Heart.
" 10	Elizabeth A. Brooks,	77 7 21	Jephthah and Sarah Brown,	Paralysis of Brain.
" 27	Nathan Melendy,	64 2 17	Samuel and Hannah,	Heart Disease.
July 2	Carrie O. Upham,	23 10	Moses M. & Susan A. Osborn,	Peritonitis.
" 19	Bessie May Dysart,	3 1	John A. and Annie M.,	Cholera Morbus.
" 25	Samuel F. Atwood,	32 9 4	Benjamin Y. and Mary S.,	Spinal Meningitis.
Aug. 4	Eliza A. Severance,	64 2	Henry & Eliz'h Woodbridge,	General Prostration.
" 15	Grace M. Akerley,	5 10	Oliver L. and Susan J.,	Cholera Infantum.
" 20	Sarah Judkins,	80		Paralysis.
" 25	Elizabeth Froton,	77 10	Simon and Mary Lescur,	Cystitis.
" 27	Carter,	1	Adelbert H. and Clara,	Inanition.
" 27	Carter,	1	" " " "	Inanition.
" 27	Carter,	1	" " " "	Inanition.
Sept. 1	Edward C. Bancroft,	30 10 5	James and Sally,	Consumption.
" 4	Louis K. Palmer,	38 9 1	Lorenzo and Abigail,	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
" 18	George A. Eaton,	20 6 4	Chester L. and Sophia,	Scrofula of Brain.
" 20	Unknown,			Struck by a R. R. Train.
" 21	Wakefield,		2 George and Grace,	Premature Birth.
" 26	Mary J. Beard,	58 2 26	Eben Beard,	Cancer.
Oct. 7	Humphrey Sullivan,	71 9	John and Honora,	Disease of Stomach.
" 14	James Bassett,	90 1 9	David Bassett,	Old Age.
" 21	Roberts,		John A. and Mary E.,	Stillborn.
" 22	John E. Mellen,	9 9	Henry and Cassie,	Marasmus.
" 23	Sumner H. Fuller,	47 4	Enoch and Lydia,	Consumption.
Nov. 3	Mary M. Lothrop,	56 8	Isaac P. Lothrop,	Consumption.
" 8	Daniel Cullinane,	20	Daniel and Honora,	Poison, Self-Administered.
" 17	Froton,	1	Alex and Annie,	Cyanosis.
" 25	William Henry Roby,	58	William and Susan,	Heart Disease.
Dec. 11	Jennie Perkins,	40 17	Alfred Perkins,	Cancer.
" 11	Eliza O. Dow,	77 8	Josiah and Anna,	Bronchitis.
" 15	Sophia B. Wright,	57 3 28	Emery F. Wright,	Paralysis.
" 20	Mary S. Scott,	76 10 20	Ezekiel and Mary Martin,	Gangrene.

Whole number of deaths registered, 57. Males, 31; Females 26. Less than last year, 8. Nativity: American—Males, 25; Females, 23. Foreign—Males, 5; Females, 3. Unknown, 1.

Number of deaths over the age of 90, 2; 80 to 90, 3; 70 to 80, 14; 60 to 70, 7; 50 to 60, 7; 40 to 50, 4; 30 to 40, 4; 20 to 30, 4; under 5, 11; unknown, 1. No death reported between the ages of 4 and 20 during the year.

DOGS LICENSED DURING THE YEAR 1888.

Whole number issued 221

Two hundred and two for males, at \$2 \$404.00

Nineteen for females, at \$5 95.00

\$499.00

Less fees for 221 licenses, at 25 cents 44.20

\$454.80

1888, June 1st, paid J. O. Hayden, County Treas., \$234.60

" " " " " 220.20

\$454.80

JAMES REID, *Town Clerk.*

Reading March 1st, 1889.

OVERSEERS' ACCOUNT.

ALMSHOUSE.

INMATES.

Cleveland B. Holt	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	aged 89
Jonathan Pratt	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	" 79
David F. Weston	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	" 75
Alpheus Austin	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	" 69
Thornton D. Sanborn	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	" 63
James Hunter	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	" 45
Henry W. Weston	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	" 40

RECEIVED.

Emory B. Eames, board	.	.	.	.	.	\$200 00	
Catherine O'Keefe, board	.	.	.	.	.	144 00	
Charles Tweed	"	.	.	.	.	27 00	
Produce sold	.	.	.	.	.	153 73	
Wood	"	.	.	.	.	38 40	
Labor of George Beasley, keeper, lighting street							
lights	.	.	.	.	.	257 60	
Labor of George Beasley, outside	.	.	.	.	.	15 00	
" " " removing snow	.	.	.	.	.	4 00	
" " " distribut'g annual report	.	.	.	.	.	6 00	
" " " highways	.	.	.	.	.	54 90	
Board and lodging from sundry persons	.	.	.	.	.	25 50	
							\$926 13

EXPENDED.

Geo. W. Beasley, keeper	.	.	.	.	.	\$500 00	
M. A. Stone, groceries	.	.	.	.	.	162 16	
Geo. W. Atkinson, groceries	.	.	.	.	.	116 43	
Mary F. Riordan, labor at Almshouse	.	.	.	.	.	130 00	
C. D. Cobb & Bros., groceries	.	.	.	.	.	107 81	
Geo. H. Prescott	"	.	.	.	.	94 18	
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>						\$1110 58	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1110 58
C. L. & W. H. Nichols, meat	77 53
Wendell Bancroft, fuel	89 83
Francis Bartley, clothing	56 15
Paul R. Eames, provisions	51 35
Bartholomew Foley, 1 cow and 2 swine	52 00
Hosea L. Day, crackers	43 72
J. W. Roberts & Co., flour	35 62
Howard & Graves, provisions	25 04
Wm. Hawes, fish	28 58
R. Dexter Temple, funeral expenses Sarah Judkins	25 00
Sundry bills	29 73
Boots, shoes, and repairing same	22 45
M. Hanley, furniture	23 50
H. K. Austin, labor and material	17 54
Wm. Nokes, three swine	13 00
T. Littlefield, repairs and material	14 50
Butter	14 50
Medicine	13 80
Two swine	12 00
W. P. B. Brooks & Co., refrigerator	15 20
Estate of B. Rutherford, 1 heifer	16 25
Emily Ruggles, dry goods	14 58
S. A. Clough, Provisions	8 24
R. C. Tollen, labor and material	7 80
Wm. H. Willis, medicine	7 00
Alfred Richardson, cutting wood	7 82
Hartley Lord, standing wood	8 88
Reading Ice Co., ice	8 75
Luther E. Nichols, fish	7 53
Grindstone	8 25
Standing grass	7 50
S. M. Morse, butter	9 12
Albion G. Nichols, wood	8 75
Tuttle & Austin, provisions	5 95

Amount carried forward, \$1898 04

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1898 04	
A. H. Graves "	5 92	
Joseph Stokes, wood	5 25	
Moses E. Nichols, labor	4 55	
Dr. F. F. Brown, medical attendance	1 00	
P. McCall, labor and material	3 25	
Geo. E. Lang, expressing	25	
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Total amount expended	\$1918 26	
Total amount received	926 13	
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Net expenses at almshouse		\$992 13
Appropriation	\$1300 00	
Net expended	992 13	
Unexpended	<hr/>	\$307 87

RELIEF OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Mary A. Blanchard, rent	\$60 00	
" " groceries and Provisions	43 57	
" " fuel	37 06	
" " medicine	11 40	
" " physician's bill	16 25	
	<hr/>	\$168 28
John R. Dennett, fuel	\$17 12	
" " groceries	44 93	
" " milk	18 24	
" " provisions	10 51	
" " clothing	1 50	
" " medicine	1 70	
" " watchers and labor	10 00	
" " funeral expense	39 50	
" " team for funeral	4 00	
" " lot in cemetery	5 00	
" " gravestone	16 00	
	<hr/>	\$168 50
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$336 78

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>				\$336 78	
Daniel Sullivan, supplies	2 52	
“ “ medicine . . . . .	.	.	.	6 45	
“ “ medical attendance . . . . .	.	.	.	21 25	
“ “ funeral expenses . . . . .	.	.	.	33 00	
				<hr/>	\$63 22
Mrs. Daniel Sullivan, fuel . . . . .	.	.	.	\$29 32	
“ “ supplies . . . . .	.	.	.	1 48	
“ “ medical attendance . . . . .	.	.	.	1 25	
				<hr/>	\$32 05
Mrs. Louisa R. Parker, supplies . . . . .	.	.	.	\$78 00	
“ “ fuel . . . . .	.	.	.	9 50	
				<hr/>	\$87 50
Mrs. Sarah Judkins, medical attendance . . . . .	.	.	.	\$26 25	
“ “ medicine . . . . .	.	.	.	1 00	
				<hr/>	\$27 25
Horace Blanchard, medical attendance . . . . .	.	.	.	\$24 50	
“ “ medicines . . . . .	.	.	.	4 30	
“ “ supplies . . . . .	.	.	.	1 42	
				<hr/>	\$30 22
Thomas A. Evans, groceries . . . . .	.	.	.		72 00
George E. Leathe . . . . .	.	.	.		29 45
Elmira Weston, fuel . . . . .	.	.	.	\$17 90	
“ “ supplies . . . . .	.	.	.	32 00	
				<hr/>	\$49 90
Marcella Wood, rent . . . . .	.	.	.		24 00
Caroline Weickman, rent . . . . .	.	.	.		98 00
Elizabeth W. DeRonde, rent . . . . .	.	.	.		24 00
James Sullivan, fuel . . . . .	.	.	.		3 50
Lucy Freeman, board . . . . .	.	.	.		78 00
Patrick Ragan, hospital bill . . . . .	.	.	.		64 00
George Early, supplies . . . . .	.	.	.		4 00
George H. Daland, fuel . . . . .	.	.	.	5 52	
“ “ supplies . . . . .	.	.	.	5 00	
				<hr/>	\$10 52
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>					<hr/> \$1,034 39

Amount brought forward,

\$1,034 39

LUNATIC HOSPITALS.

Northampton, Abigail P. Beers, board	\$169 92	
Danvers, William A. Flint	177 67	
“ Maggie Whelton	171 52	
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TRAMPS.

Wm. M. Titus, supplies	\$1 50	
M. A. Stone, “	6 44	
Geo. H. Prescott, “	7 96	
<hr/>						\$15 90
Received for lodging	25	
Number of tramps cared for at station, 458.						<hr/>
Total expenses of Poor out of Almshouse		\$1599 15
Appropriation	1600 00
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Unexpended	

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CITIES AND TOWNS.

Boston, Luella R. Lloyd	rent	.	\$12 00
Sherburne, Mrs. Charles H. Leland,	“	.	36 00
Boston, George F. Hubbard,	“	.	14 70
Woburn, Charles Hadley,	“	.	3 38
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PAID ON ACCOUNT OF STATE.

Mary M. Lothrop	\$90 45
Daniel L. Barnard	65 07
Simon Dulong	70 25
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RECEIVED FROM CITIES AND TOWNS.

Boston, Luella R. Lloyd	\$ 60 00	
Woburn, Mrs. Benjamin Wood	6 87	
Sherburne, Mrs. C. H. Leland	72 00	
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Received on account of State		\$9 67

By an error in footing, the total expenses of Poor out of Alms-house are given as \$1599.15. The amount should be \$1569.15, which makes the unexpended balance \$30.85, instead of \$.85.



PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE.

Furniture, crockery and tin-ware	\$364 56
Beds and bedding	186 50
Provisions	166 85
Farming tools, etc.	127 75
3 cows	115 00
English hay	95 00
Stoves and hollow ware	73 00
3 harnesses	60 00
Manure	55 00
Wood and coal	51 00
Express wagon	45 00
Horse	40 00
Farm wagon	40 00
Horse cart	35 00
37 fowls	25 00
Meadow hay	15 00
3 pigs	15 00
Stone wagon	15 00
Posts and lumber	15 00
Horse sled	12 00
Mowing machine	12 00
Sleigh	10 00
Grain	5 00

 \$1578 66

HORACE L. CUMMINGS,	} Overseers of the Poor.
STILLMAN M. PRATT,	
R. DEXTER TEMPLE.	

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

VALUATION OF ESTATES, REAL AND PERSONAL, TAXED IN TOWN, MAY 1, 1888.

Real estate	\$2,312,383 00	
Personal estate	243,017 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,555,400 00
Whole number of polls, 945, at \$2.00		1,890 00
Amount of town appropriations . .	\$38,463 00	
“ “ State tax	2,925 00	
“ “ county tax	1,641 32	
“ “ overlaying	849 73	
	<hr/>	\$43,879 05
Rate of taxation, \$16.40 per \$1,000		
Total number of horses		355
“ “ cows		388
“ “ neat cattle		42
“ “ swine		73
“ “ dwelling houses		788
“ “ acres of land		5,737
Total value of real estate, 1888 . .	\$2,312,383 00	
“ “ “ 1887	2,229,029 00	
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Increase in 1888		\$83,354 00
Total value of personal estate, 1888 .	243,017 00	
“ “ 1887	228,634 00	
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Increased in 1888		\$14,383 00

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE L. CUMMINGS, STILLMAN M. PRATT, R. DEXTER TEMPLE.	}	Assessors of Reading.
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SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

LYCEUM HALL ASSOCIATION.

Appropriation	\$60 00
Expended.....	60 00

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Horace L. Cummings, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor to April 1st, 1888.....	\$ 75 00
Horace L. Cummings, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, to March 2d, 1889.....	275 00
Stillman M. Pratt, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, to April 1st, 1888.....	50 00
Stillman M. Pratt, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, to March 2d, 1889.....	250 00
R. Dexter Temple, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, to April 1st, 1888.....	50 00
R. Dexter Temple, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, to March 2d, 1889.....	250 00
James Reid, Town Clerk, to March 2d, 1889...	50 00
“ “ Clerk Board Registrars, to March 2d, 1889.....	40 00
Edward F. Parker, Treasurer, to March 2d, 1889	200 00
“ “ “ School Committee.....	50 00
“ “ “ Collector.....	125 00
Walter S. Parker, School Committee, to March 2d, 1889.....	60 00
Gilman L. Parker, School Committee, to April 1, 1888....	50 00
Henry Robinson, Registrar.....	31 67
Cyrus M. Barrows, School Committee, to March 1st, 1888.....	50 00
James H. Griggs, Moderator.....	10 00
John G. Roberts, Registrar.....	30 00
Henry E. Holden, “	30 00

<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$1676 67
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<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1676 67	
A. Newel Howes, Auditor.....	10 00	
Wm. W. Davis, “	10 00	
Lewis M. Bancroft “	10 00	
Charles A. Weston Road Commissioner, to March 2d, 1889.....	45 83	
Henry S. LaClair, Road Commissioner, to March 2d, 1889.....	45 83	
Samuel W. Bowker, Road Commissioner to March 2d, 1889.....	45 83	
James A. Bancroft, School Committee, from March 1st, to April 1st, 1888.....	4 17	
Harley Prentiss, Collector, on Account 1888 Tax List.....	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$1998 33
Unexpended.....		1 67
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		\$2000 00

POLICE.

Appropriation		\$300 00
Ephraim Wight, services.....	\$4 50	
William L. Crowe, special for July 3d, 4th & 5th,	5 00	
William H. Mears, “ “ “	5 00	
John A. Boyd, “ “ “	5 00	
Reuben Melendy, “ “ “	5 00	
Webster Eames, “ “ “	5 00	
William S. LaClair, “ “ “	5 00	
Frank W. Moulton, “ “ “	5 00	
Edwin Bassett, “ “ “	5 00	
Lafayette Ford, “ “ “	5 00	
“ “ services.....	8 00	
Charles S. Coney, “	2 00	
William W. Davis, “	3 00	
Henry Stock. “	6 54	
W. H. Twombly & Sons.....	5 25	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$74 29	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	74 29	
Fred W. Barry, Record Book	85	
George W. Dean, service.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 77 14
Unexpended.....		222 86
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		\$300 00

ABATEMENT.

Appropriation.....		\$300 00
Edward F. Parker, Collector, List of 1886.....	\$167 60	
“ “ “ “ 1887.....	80 80	
Daniel C. Sanborn.. . . .	7 38	
Allen J. Barr.....	8 20	
Sarah F. Brown.....	6 56	
Mary W. Howard.....	5 74	
J. Colby Johnson.....	1 60	
Alden S. Johnson.....	4 10	
William H. Burnham.....	3 28	
Frank W. Parker.....	3 28	
George W. Beasley	2 46	
P. Jane Batchelder.....	4 10	
Clarence E. Merrill.....	1 22	
	<hr/>	\$296 32
Unexpended.....		3 68

INTEREST.

Appropriation.....		\$300 00
Blackstone National Bank.....		124 79
Institution for Savings, Newburyport and vicinity	\$960 00	
A. W. Beard, State Treasurer.....	300 00	
Warren Institutions for Savings.....	271 00	
Mrs. and Miss Mary Stimpson.....	85 00	
Blackstone National Bank.....	128 75	
Oren N. Jones, Interest on Trust Fund.....	64 47	
Richard Robinson.....	10 83	
	<hr/>	1820 05
Unexpended.....		104 74
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		\$1924 79

MISCELLANEOUS.

Appropriation.....	\$350 00
Auctioneers' Licenses	4 00
License from Town Clerk.....	50
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	\$354 50

James Reid, Recording Births, Deaths and Marriages.....	\$73 25
Henry Stock, Lockup Keeper and Serving Dog Notices	27 00
W. W. Davis, Surveying and Plans.....	21 80
T. R. Newhall, boundstones.....	21 60
Greenleaf S. Tukey, Pump and Repairing.....	14 50
C. M. Barrows & Co., Printing.....	32 75
W. H. Twombly & Sons, Printing.....	12 25
Edward F. Parker, Expenses	9 95
Fred. W. Barry, Order Book.....	8 00
Dr. F. F. Brown, Returning Births.....	16 75
Wendell Bancroft, watering Trough.....	7 50
R. Dexter Temple, Returning Fifty Deaths....	12 50
F. W. B. Pratt, Teller.....	6 00
Fred Bancroft, "	3 00
W. L. Crowe, "	3 00
James A Bancroft "	3 00
Simon Dulong, Labor.....	5 25
Amos Damon "	5 25
Oliver A. Swain, "	3 85
Everett C. Parker, " ...	3 50
Albert J. Bancroft "	3 14
W. W. Nason & Co., Labor and Material.....	4 68
Annie Ellis, Labor.....	2 75
M. R. Warren & Co., Books and Stationery....	3 25
Stillman E. Parker, Census of School Children.	12 00
Dr. J. O. Dow, Returning Births.....	4 25
Dr. J. H. Hanaford, Medical Attendance.....	2 80

Amount carried forward, \$323 57

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$323 57
Newell C. Flanders, Labor.....	3 50
Hiram Litchfield “	3 30
R. A. White, Horse Hire.....	1 00
Cyrus K. Littlefield.....	1 50
Beal & Clement, Expressing	2 45
George E. Lang, “	80
W. G. White, “	40
American Express, “	45
Recording Deed and Postage.....	67
William W. Blanchard, Labor.....	50
Aaron R. Gay, Stationery.....	90
E. L. Lovejoy, one Maple Tree.....	75
Moses E. Nichols, Labor and Material.....	95
Geo. H. Prescott, Supplies for Lockup.....	18
Theodore F. Gould, Labor and Material.....	35
Jesse S. Pendergrace, Gravel.....	70
Wm. M. Titus, Drinking Cups.....	50
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	\$342 47
Unexpended.....	12 03
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	\$354 50

GRADING THE COMMON.

Appropriation.....	\$500 00
Charles A. Weston, Labor, Self and Team.....	\$120 75
Simon Dulong, “	56 00
Emerson Smith, “	54 95
Milton D. Parker, Material.....	53 40
Hiram Litchfield, Labor.....	47 25
Patrick Burns “	41 30
Charles C. Green, Labor, Self and Team	40 50
John Campbell, “	37 63
Bartholomew Foley, Manure.....	20 93
Charles E. Damon, Material.....	20 35
Isaac Draper, Labor, Self and Team.....	2 50
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	495 56

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	495 56	
G. W. Atkinson, Grass Seed.....	2 40	
Michael Forbes, Man and Team.....	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$499 71
Unexpended.....		29
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		\$500 00

SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Appropriation.....	\$100 00
Paid Harley Prentiss, Quartermaster	100 00

TOWN OFFICE.

Appropriation.....	\$75 00
W. P. B. Brooks & Co., Cushions.....	\$21 85
Henry Stock, Janitor	16 20
William I. Ruggles, Stamps.....	6 00
Fred. W. Barry, Ledger.....	6 00
C. M. Barrows & Co., Printing.....	5 60
James S. Bond, Awning.....	5 00
Citizen Gas-Light Co., Gas.....	4 66
Packard & Burrill, Duster.....	1 75
Wendell Bancroft, Posting Boards.....	1 25
Thomas Groom & Co., Stationery.....	1 20
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	\$69 51
Unexpended.....	5 49
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	\$75 00

OLD SOUTH M. E. CLOCK.

Appropriation.....	\$50 00
Edwin Bassett, Trustee.....	50 00

ENFORCEMENT OF LIQUOR LAW.

Appropriation.....	\$200 00
Unexpended.....	200 00

STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation.....		\$1000 00
George W. Beasley, Lighting Street Lights....	\$257 60	
Warren Parker, “ “ “ 	67 40	
Wheeler Reflector Co., Oil, Chimney, &c.....	265 06	
Citizens Gas Light Co., Gas.....	183 37	
Globe Gas Light Co., Lanterns.....	6 85	
Cummings Express.....	2 40	
Wm. H. Bancroft, Labor.	5 40	
A. Hodson, Labor....	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$789 58
Unexpended.....		210 42
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		\$1000 00

NEW TOMB.

Appropriation.....		\$1200 00
W. W. Nason & Co.....	\$1089 00	
Oren N. Jones, Man and Team....	54 57	
Edward Appleton, Specifications.....	10 00	
James A. Bancroft, Plan, &c.....	10 00	
W. H. Twombly & Sons.....	1 87	
	<hr/>	\$1165 44
Unexpended.....		34 56
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		\$1200 00

CEMETERY.

Appropriation.....		\$400 00
Received on Account of Sale of Cemetery Lot..		298 25
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		\$698 25
Oren N. Jones, Labor, Self, Man and Team... .	\$416 17	
William Frost, “ 	67 50	
Noble Bunker, “ 	49 50	
Wendell Bancroft, Lumber.....	28 51	
Ephraim Wight, Labor.....	26 93	
Ivory Sanborn, “ 	12 25	
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Amount carried forward,	\$600 86	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$600 86	
James A. Bancroft, Surveying and Locating Graves in Old Cemetery.....	17 00	
Hiram Litchfield, Labor.....	12 00	
William B. Jeffrey, Labor.....	10 13	
William W. Davis, Surveying and Locating Graves in Old Cemetery.....	10 00	
Moses E. Nichols, Labor, &c.....	6 98	
Edwin P. Nichols, ".....	3 75	
	<hr/>	\$660 72
Unexpended.....		37 53
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		\$698 25

HAVEN ST. PUMP.

Appropriation.....		\$50 00
Greenleaf S. Tukey, Pump and Labor.....	\$26 25	
Samuel Brown, Trough.....	8 90	
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Unexpended.....		14 85
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		\$50 00

STATE AID.

Appropriation.....		\$1000 00
John Owens.....	\$72 00	
Charles B. Leathe.....	72 00	
Sarah Hetler.....	48 00	
Mary A. McAllister.....	48 00	
Mary A. Blanchard.....	48 00	
Harriet C. Robinson.....	48 00	
Henry F. Scruton.....	58 00	
Clara A. Leathe.....	48 00	
Marcella Wood.....	48 00	
Elizabeth W. DeRonde.....	48 00	
Samuel S. Crouch.....	48 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	586 00	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$586 00	
Eliza A. Hobbs.....	48 00	
Eliza J. Upton.....	48 00	
John D. DeRonde.....	66 00	
Edgar Damon.....	36 00	
Lambertus W. Krook.....	34 00	
Noble Bunker.....	29 00	
Mary Bunker.....	29 00	
Merrill Hutchinson.....	27 00	
Ellen M. Damon.....	24 00	
Dorcas Berry.....	24 00	
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To be reimbursed by the State.....	951 00	
Thomas A. Evans, to be reimbursed one half by by the State	99 00	
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	\$1050 00	
Overdrawn.....		\$50 00
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		\$1050 00

PRINTING.

Appropriation,.....		\$225.00
W. H. Twombly & Sons.....	\$79.05	
C. M. Barrows & Co.....	143.70	
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	222.75	
Unexpended.....	2.25	
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		\$225.00

NIGHT WATCHMEN.

Appropriation.....		\$1,500.00
Henry Stock.....	\$698 00	
Clarence J. Nichols.....	531 00	
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	\$1,229 00	
Unexpended	271 00	
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		\$1,500 00

We herewith present for your consideration the following list of appropriations :

Poor at Almshouse.....	\$1,200.00
Poor out of Almshouse.....	1,500.00
State aid.....	1,200.00
Street lights.....	900.00
Printing.....	225.00
Abatement of taxes.....	300.00
Town Office.....	75.00
Miscellaneous.....	350.00
Salaries of town officers.....	2,200.00

HORACE L. CUMMINGS,	} Selectmen of Reading.
STILLMAN M. PRATT,	
R. DEXTER TEMPLE,	

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' ACCOUNT AND REPORT.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation	\$3000 00
Cash received	41 02
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	\$3041 02
Peter Castine, labor	\$ 5 25
Dodge, Haley & Co., tools	4 68
Timothy Cummings, labor	3 50
Wm. G. Bryant, tools	4 25
Joseph Stokes, self and team	7 65
Wm. Emerson, labor	16 27
Howard W. Batchelder, labor	23 52
John P. Riordon, labor	78 07
Timothy Riordon, labor	148 58
Patrick Burns, labor	168 72
Amos Damon, 2d, labor	158 37
Frederick L. Godfrey, self and team	63 90
Wm. J. Lawn, labor	38 63
S. W. Pease, labor	9 00
James McKinney, labor	61 94
Levi Doucett, labor	98 32
S. W. Bowker, self, men and teams	306 50
Frank E. Richardson, labor	44 55
J. T. Rudolph, labor	63 53
Charles G. Brown, labor	44 94
Ralph Robbins, labor	7 50
H. K. Foss, gravel	8 10
Dominique Doucett, labor	23 34
Simon Dulong, labor	34 99
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$1,424 10

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,424 10
Edward E. Nichols, self and team	37 20
Hiram Litchfield, labor	67 05
O. A. Swain, labor	70 17
Leander Gaudett, labor	30 62
Wm. LaClair, labor	18 55
Henry Doucett, labor	28 20
Frank Castine, labor	17 94
Charles C. Green, self and team	66 10
Dudley Melindy, labor	3 00
Simon Doucett, labor	28 65
Luke Froten, labor	70 17
Orein N. Jones, gravel	14 10
Asa Parker, man and team	33 75
Reading Co-operative Association, tools	80
Henry S. LaClair	279 90
American Powder Mills, powder, etc.	9 60
Henry Barker, labor	140 34
Emerson Smith, labor	19 26
Henry Gorus, labor	34 30
Paul Dideware, labor	11 55
Lewis M. Bancroft. gravel	18 90
Thomas Pratt, gravel	3 48
Edwin P. Nichols, labor	26 95
J. W. Killom, labor	3 50
James Wilkins, labor	49 97
G. W. Atkinson, gravel	4 05
John Campbell, labor	2 10
Wm. Ellis, labor	13 95
Thomas Horn, labor	10 95
Albert J. Bancroft, labor	2 99
Richard B. Nichols, labor	10 35
Arthur G. Emerson, labor	25 25
E. C. Farwell, labor	75
M. C. Barbrick, self and team	5 00

Amount carried forward, \$2,583 54

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2,583 54	
Charles Wakefield, labor	50	
Parker Nichols, labor	1 50	
Moses E. Nichols, labor	30	
W. C. Mansfield, gravel	1 50	
J. S. Pendergrace, gravel	7 80	
Milton D. Parker, self, team and gravel	4 60	
Solon Bancroft, gravel	66	
George Beasley, gravel	25 62	
George Beasley, self and team	54 90	
M. A. Stone, lantern, etc.	1 16	
H. P. Bosson, gravel	14 10	
Town of North Reading, repairs on bridge	23 17	
Michael Forbes, labor	2 25	
Dennis P. Babb, self and team	1 60	
R. C. Totten, labor	1 93	
Samuel Brown, labor	75	
Charles A. Weston, self and team	287 55	
Wendell Bancroft	2 00	
James A. Bancroft	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$3022 43
Unexpended		18 59
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		\$3041 02

PARKER STREET.

Appropriation	\$300 00	
Patrick Burns	\$ 7 35	
Osgood & Hart	11 00	
T. R. Newhall	4 26	
Amos Damon, 2d	5 60	
G. W. Atkinson	6 60	
Michael Forbes	14 40	
Boston and Maine R. R.	25	
New England Rubber Co.	2 50	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$51 96	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$51 96	
Dominique Doucett	28 61	
Hiram Litchfield	3 00	
C. A. Weston	26 50	
Timothy Riordan	5 60	
Wendell Bancroft	19 84	
Charles C. Green	9 60	
Henry S. LaClair	3 00	
D. H. Nichols	2 00	
John A. Blunt	64	
James A. Bancroft	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$151 75
Unexpended		148 25
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		\$300 00

GREEN STREET.

Appropriation	\$200 00	
Luke Frotten, labor	\$ 8 40	
Hiram Litchfield, labor	12 60	
T. F. Gould, labor	3 75	
Henry Barker, labor	13 30	
H. S. LaClair, self and team	39 60	
G. W. Atkinson, gravel	19 62	
Samuel Brown, labor	1 62	
Timothy Riordan, labor	14 71	
Charles C. Green, self and team	25 20	
Timothy Cummings, self and team	4 55	
Asa Parker, man and team	25 20	
James Wilkins, labor	15 57	
Wendell Bancroft	3 52	
C. A. Weston	8 00	
James A. Bancroft	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$197 39
Unexpended		2 61
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		\$200 00

HIGH STREET SIDEWALK.

Appropriation		\$400 00
Henry Doucett, labor	\$ 9 90	
Simon Doucett, labor	11 40	
Dominique Doucett	18 45	
T. R. Newhall, stone	20 78	
D. F. Hunt, gravel	4 14	
Leander Goudett, labor	10 65	
Levi Doucett, labor	1 50	
Paul Dideware, labor	2 25	
W. C. Mansfield, gravel	8 16	
J. S. Pendergrace	1 98	
S. W. Bowker	78 16	
Charles C. Dike	209 40	
C. A. Weston	10 00	
James A. Bancroft	2 25	
	<hr/>	\$389 02
Unexpended		10 98
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		\$400 00

LOWELL STREET SIDEWALK.

Appropriation		\$300 00
Timothy Riordan, labor	\$36 39	
American Powder Co., powder, etc.	3 70	
Asa Parker, man and team	3 00	
James Wilkins, labor	38 50	
Michael Forbes, man and team	21 00	
Henry S. LaClair, self and team	83 05	
Frederick Bancroft, gravel	24 54	
Luke Froten, labor	20 12	
H. Barker, labor	37 79	
Henry Gorus, labor	14 87	
John A. Blunt, labor	12 30	
	<hr/>	\$295 26
Unexpended		4 74
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		\$300 00

LOWELL STREET WIDENING.

Appropriation		\$300 00
Henry Barker, labor	\$35 17	
American Powder Co., powder, etc.	6 90	
Timothy Riordan, labor	32 38	
Frank Castine, labor	7 52	
Frederick Bancroft, gravel	14 04	
Ephraim Wight, labor	60	
W. G. White	40	
Henry S. LaClair, self and team	87 80	
Luke Froten, labor	3 50	
James Wilkins, labor	35 87	
Joseph Maroney, labor	4 50	
Henry Gorus, labor	22 40	
T. F. Gould, labor	13 11	
John A. Blunt, labor	17 00	
Lang's Express	95	
C. A. Weston	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$288 14
Unexpended		11 86
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		\$300 00

CONCRETING GUTTERS.

Appropriation		\$300 00
Charles C. Dike	\$292 40	
C. A. Weston	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$298 40
Unexpended		1 60
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		\$300 00

CLEARING SNOW.

Appropriation		\$350 00
Asa Parker	\$ 6 00	
Alden S. Johnson	12 30	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$18 30	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$ 18 30	
M. Barbrick	5 00	
H. Litchfield	3 75	
George E. Matthews	3 75	
George N. Hutchinson	3 75	
W. E. Moulton heirs	10 00	
Joseph Stokes	7 50	
George E. Dow	2 28	
R. C. Totten	3 75	
E. E. Nichols	4 80	
Milton D. Parker	3 00	
Richard B. Nichols	7 80	
Isaac Draper	2 50	
Dennis P. Babb	4 05	
Samuel Brown	4 80	
S. W. Bowker	13 00	
Patrick Burns	53	
H. S. LaClair	14 30	
C. A. Weston	13 15	
M. Forbes	9 61	
Albion G. Nichols	4 80	
Stillman M. Pratt	9 25	
George Beasley	4 00	
Wendell Bancroft	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$163 67
Unexpended		186 33
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		\$350 00

MONEY RECEIVED FOR CONCRETE AND EDGESTONE.

Solon Bancroft	\$54 50
J. F. Runnels	24 03
Walter E. Perkins	44 71
Frank W. B. Pratt	23 94
Wm. Proctor	37 27
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$184 45

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>						\$184 45
Dudley F. Hunt	42 20
Jason W. Richardson	.	.	.	.	.	38 12
Wm. H. Bancroft	.	.	.	.	.	5 98
Charles C. Flint	9 44
Galen A. Parker	41 87
Lewis M. Bancroft	12 30
R. D. Temple	10 00
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						\$344 36
Appropriation	500 00
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						\$844 36
P. Burns, labor	\$24 68
Dominique Doucett, labor	58 34
T. R. Newhall, stone	235 17
Michael Hennesy, labor	.	.	.	.	.	1 75
Michael Forbes, labor	.	.	.	.	.	7 50
Simon Dulong, labor	.	.	.	.	.	8 57
Hiram Litchfield, labor	.	.	.	.	.	22 65
John Boyd, gravel	8 16
Charles C. Dike	459 12
George Richardson	1 75
C. A. Weston	10 00
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						\$837 69
Unexpended	6 67
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						\$844 36

We herewith submit for your consideration the following list of appropriations which we deem necessary for the proper care and maintenance of streets and walks for the ensuing year:—

Highways and bridges	.	.	.	.	.	\$3500 00
Removing snow	.	.	.	.	.	350 00
Concrete sidewalks and edgestone, provided abut-						
ters pay one half	.	.	.	.	.	500 00
Concrete gutters and cross walks	.	.	.	.	.	300 00
For rebuilding westerly abutment of Mineral St.						
bridge which is now in an unsafe condition	.	.	.	.	.	200 00

For guide-posts	\$ 25 00
Incidental expenses	300 00

On account of the open winter by which the roads have been washed and worn to an unusual extent, and knowing that a large outlay must be made during the year for repairs on bridges, we think it advisable to ask an increased appropriation that our streets may be kept in a good state of repairs.

We would call attention to some of the improvements that have been made during the past year; noticeably at the corner of Sanborn and Woburn Streets, where previously every hard rain caused an expensive washout across Woburn Street, which is now entirely avoided. The improved walks on High and Lowell Streets, the widening of Lowell Street, draining of Green Street, straightening and regrading Highland Street are all permanent benefits to the town. There are many other places where changes are as much needed, but with the limited amount of money, compared with the many miles of roads, it has been impossible to make all the changes and improvements which seemed desirable.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. WESTON,	} Road Commissioners of Reading.
HENRY S. LACLAIR,	
S. W. BOWKER.	

Dr.

EDWARD F. PARKER, TREASURER, IN

To cash in Treasury, March 1st, 1888.....	\$ 233 12
“ Rec'd from State Treasurer, bal. corporation tax of 1887	213 46
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1888	1,591 93
“ “ “ “ National Bank tax....	541 81
“ “ “ “ State Aid, Chap. 252, Acts 1879	36 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ 301, “	912 37
“ “ “ “ Support of State Poor	9 69
“ “ County Treasurer, dog tax.....	427 51
“ “ School Committee, school-house sold.....	150 00
“ “ “ Books and supplies sold.....	18 97
“ “ “ Stove sold.....	37 60
“ “ “ Committtee from Mass. School Fund.	103 58
“ “ Blackstone Bank, interest on deposits	124 79
“ “ Estate on M. J. Greenwood, cemetery bequest	500 00
“ “ City of Boston, support of L. R. Lloyd....	60 00
“ “ Town of Woburn, support of Mrs. B. I. Wood	6 00
“ “ Town of Sherborn, support of Mrs. C. Leland	1,072 00
“ “ Hired money, temporary loan.....	10,000 00
“ “ “ renewal of loan.....	500 00
“ “ R. Dexter Temple, auctioneer's license.....	2 00
“ “ James A. Bancroft, “ “	2 00
“ “ Selectmen, concrete account, 1887	16 93
“ “ Trustees of Cemetery, lots and material sold	298 25
“ “ Road Commissioners, material sold.....	41 02
“ “ “ “ Concrete and Edgestone Acc't	344 36
“ “ Fire Department, stove sold.....	1 00
“ “ Town Clerk, license fees.....	50
“ “ Night Watchman, lock-up fees.....	1 00
“ “ Overseers of the Poor, almshouse account...	565 48
“ Paid to Treasurer on orders drawn.....	851 10
“ Received from Edward F. Parker, collector, taxes paid after abatement 1885.....	42 70
“ Received from Edward F. Parker, collector, list 1886...	2,733 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1887....	7,985 04
“ “ Harley Prentiss, collector, list 1888.....	32,318 32
	<hr/> \$60,742 40

ACCOUNT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Received from State Treasurer, Income of School Fund.....	\$168 82
“ “ Revenue of “	314 28

 \$483 10

ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF READING.

Cr.

By paying State Tax.....	\$2,925 00
“ Selectmen’s orders.....	54,620 82
“ Cash in Treasury.....	3,196 58
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	\$60,742 40

SCHOOL FUND.

Expended for Tuition.....	\$ 86 78
“ “ Apparatus and Books of Reference.....	16 80
Unexpended	379 52
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	\$483 10

EDWARD F. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

HARLEY PRENTISS, COLLECTOR,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF READING.

DR.

To committed tax list of 1888	\$43,879 05	
		\$43,879 05

CR.

By cash paid Edward F. Parker	\$32,318 32	
By cash paid J. O. Hayden, County Treasurer .	1,641 32	
By uncollected taxes of 1888	9,919 41	
		\$43,879 05

HARLEY PRENTISS, *Collector.*

READING, March 18, 1889.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

EDWARD F. PARKER, COLLECTOR,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF READING.

DR.

To taxes collected after abatement 1885	\$ 36 44	
“ interest collected on taxes after abatement 1885	6 26	
	<u> </u>	\$42 70
“ uncollected taxes of 1886	2,506 43	
“ interest on taxes of 1886	226 57	
	<u> </u>	\$2,733 00
“ uncollected taxes of 1887	8,423 06	
“ interest on taxes of 1887	370 74	
	<u> </u>	8,793 80
		<u> </u>
		\$11,569 50

CR.

By cash paid Edward F. Parker, Treasurer on 1885 taxes	\$ 42 70	
By cash paid Edward F. Parker, Treasurer on 1886 taxes	2,733 00	
By cash paid Edward F. Parker, Treasurer on 1877 taxes	7,985 04	
By uncollected taxes of 1887	808 76	
	<u> </u>	\$11,569 50

EDWARD F. PARKER, *Collector.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1889.

LIABILITIES.

Town notes outstanding March 1, 1888 . .	\$36,500 00	
Town notes outstanding March 1, 1889 . .		\$31,000 00
Interest accrued on town notes to March 1 .		182 72
Due Fire Department, estimated		1,200 00
Miscellaneous debts, estimated		185 00

TRUST FUNDS.

Bequest of Nancy Wakefield	\$100 00	
“ Thomas Sweetser	100 00	
“ Sabina Nichols	100 00	
“ Martha Pike	25 00	
“ Sarah Batchelder	25 00	
“ George L. Smith.	200 00	
“ Susan A. Martin	100 00	
“ Susan Wright, Elizabeth Preston and Margaret Gilman . .	75 00	
“ T. T. Greenwood	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,225 00
Interest accrued on above fund not yet expended		75
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		\$33,793 47

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Unpaid taxes of 1887.	\$ 808 76	
“ “ 1888.	9,919 41	
Interest accrued on unpaid taxes	316 73	
Due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts on Corporation Tax	62 77	
Due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts on account of State Paupers	226 02	
Due from City of Boston	26 70	
“ City of Woburn	3 38	
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$11,363 77	\$33,793 47

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$11,363 77	\$33,793 47
Due from State Aid account	951 00	
“ Military Aid	49 50	
Unexpended balance, School account . .	379 52	
Cash in Treasury	3,196 58	\$15,940 37
Net Debt, March 1, 1889		\$17,853 10
“ “ 1888		26,715 63
Decrease during year		8,862 53

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Town farm and buildings	\$5,000 00	
Personal property at town farm	1,578 66	
		\$6,578 66
Cemetery land not lotted, about 2 acres, and 100 lots not sold	3,215 00	
Hearse and hearse house	675 00	
		3,890 00
Steamer and hose carriage	3,700 00	
Harnesses, tools and furniture	542 75	
Eagle engine and hose carriage	150 00	
Hancock engine and hose carriage . . .	225 00	
Hancock engine house	1,100 00	
Hook and ladder, truck and tools, and John- son pumps	237 50	
Hose and pipes	3,039 00	
Fire alarm system	2,000 00	
		10,994 25
Also for use of the fire department 28 cisterns and wells.		
School-houses and lots	\$38,000 00	
Furniture and school books, piano, &c. . .	3,200 00	
Engine house and town offices and lot . .	9,000 00	
Land in rear of engine house	1,000 00	
Public library, books and furniture . . .	4,000 00	
Property in town offices	300 00	
Property deeded to town by John Dennett .	575 00	
		56,075 00
		\$77,537 91

We have examined the accounts of the Tax Collectors, and find \$44,720.38 has been received for taxes and interest, of which \$43,079.06 has been paid to the Town Treasurer, and \$1,641.32 to the County Treasurer.

The accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer we have also examined, and find satisfactory vouchers for all disbursements.

The balance of cash in hand, as stated by the Treasurer, \$3,196.58 is correct.

Of the outstanding notes \$28,000.00 bears interest at 4 per cent. and the balance \$3,000.00 bears interest at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Only one note matures the coming year namely, \$1,000.00, March 1, 1890.

A. NEWELL HOWES,	}	Auditors.
LEWIS M. BANCROFT,		
HARRY P. BOSSON,		

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, of the Town of Reading :

The Engineers of the Fire Department most respectfully submit their thirty-fifth annual report.

The department has responded to six alarms since our last report :

1888.	May 8.	House of Hubbard E. Cox. Loss, none. Insurance, none.
	Aug. 29.	Stable used by Henry Plummer. Loss, \$400. Insurance, none.
	Sept. 21.	Barn of J. Stokes. Loss, \$100. Insurance, \$200. Insurance received, \$100.
	Dec. 16.	Grass near old Rubber Works. Loss, \$10. Insured.
1889.	Jan. 10.	House of Asa Parker. Loss, \$600. Insur- ance, none.
	Mar. 13.	Grass on land of Emery Bancroft. Loss, none.

The Board thinks that the citizens have reason to be thankful for the small loss by fire during the past year.

The department is in excellent condition. There has been a large addition to the fire alarm system the past year, and the addition has been of great value to the outlying districts of the town. The system should be extended as rapidly as the facilities for obtaining a water supply for use in case of fire is increased. At present several sections of the town are either entirely without a water supply, or are so inadequately provided for, that the department could do but little good in case

of fire. These districts should be provided for at once, unless a general water supply is to be introduced within a short time.

The approximate estimates of the cost of introducing the fire alarm system proved to be too low, and bids for building the system exceeded our expectations. Also several changes which were made in the streets on which the cisterns were located made changes in the plans for the cisterns necessary, and somewhat increased the cost. These unexpected expenses leave the department with outstanding bills amounting to between three hundred and fifty and four hundred dollars. The board recommends that the sum of four hundred dollars be taken from the treasury to meet these bills. The board feels less hesitation in making this recommendation since the department has not exceeded its appropriation once for fifteen years, and has for several years past annually turned in to the town sums varying from one to three hundred and fifty dollars.

The board recommends that the sum of two thousand, three hundred and fifty dollars (\$2,350) be appropriated to defray the expenses of the department for the ensuing year.

In conclusion the board thanks the individual members of the department for the prompt manner in which they have performed their duties.

E. C. NICHOLS, *Chief Engineer.*
 WM. L. CROWE, }
 JAMES DEWHURST, }*Assistants.*
 WENDELL BANCROFT, *Clerk.*

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$2350 00
Cash for old stove sold	1 00
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	\$2351 00

Pay roll	\$1172 73
Robert F. Philbrook	145 84
Wendell Bancroft, fuel and salary	166 77
Henry Stock, janitor	44 80
A. S. Richardson, services	62 36
Imogene Moulton, hauling steamer	50 00
Wm. Henry Bancroft, services	24 00
Leonard T. Eames, "	51 74
Samuel Brown	56 50
Moses E. Nichols, engineer	21 80
Citizens Gas-Light Co.	18 64
Wm. L. Crowe, engineer	20 00
Beal & Clement, expressing	5 00
Geo. A. Putnam, labor	20 13
Edwin E. Smith, "	9 00
Globe Gas-Light Co., lantern and bracket	11 50
Edwin C. Nichols, services as engineer	35 00
F. W. Danforth, painting	50 00
Samuel W. Bowker, labor, self and team	13 40
A. Howard Pearsons, labor, self and team	6 80
Braman, Dow & Co., labor and material	4 26
R. C. Totten, " "	5 15
E. R. Eaton, services	8 16
A. S. Jackson, material	7 30
Canty & Coyne, labor and material	6 25
David I. Byers, services	4 17
Frank E. Richardson, services	3 00
A. L. Danforth, "	2 50
G. S. Tukey, repairs on Hancock machine	3 00
G. C. Hawes, watching at fire	1 25
Joseph Stokes, hauling machine	1 50
W. B. Ricker, watching at fire	1 25
Wm. H. Mears, services, Hook and Ladder Co.	83
Walter B. Mears, labor at brush fire	50
Geo. E. Lang, expressing	30

Amount carried forward.

\$2,035 43

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2,035 43	
Henry Gorus, shoveling snow	1 50	
Walter M. Scott, services	50	
American Express, expressing	25	
	<hr/>	\$2037 68
Unexpended		313 32
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		\$2351 00

FIRE ALARM.

Appropriation		\$1200 00
Arthur S. Richardson, labor	\$260 00	
Geo. M. Stevens, material	895 01	
Crosby Steam Gage Co., fire whistle	120 75	
David Pratt, cedar poles and labor	54 75	
Geo. A. Putnam, labor and material	48 60	
F. L. Johnson, labor	34 63	
O. N. Willis, material	30 50	
Geo. Richardson, labor	27 12	
Henry Cook, cedar poles	20 00	
Arthur G. Emerson, self and team	18 00	
Montclair Barberick, " "	15 00	
Beal & Clement, expressing	10 80	
W. H. Twombly & Sons, printing	8 75	
New York Insulated Wire Co., material	5 48	
Smith, Anthony Stove Co., alarm boxes	4 41	
Braman, Dow & Co., material boxes	2 25	
Joseph Breck & Son, tools	3 64	
J. M. Armstrong, labor	1 92	
	<hr/>	\$1561 61
Overdrawn		361 61
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		\$1561 61

POLICE REPORT.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF READING :

Gentlemen, we submit the Annual Police Report.

Number of arrests made the last year, 19.

Drunkenness	6
Assault	4
Threatening bodily harm.....	3
Breaking and entering	1
Loitering about the depot.....	1
Insanity	2
Disobedient child.....	1
Night-walking	1
Tramps lodged	456
Doors found unlocked	16

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY STOCK, <i>Chief</i> , LAFAYETTE FORD, CLARENCE J. NICHOLS, <i>Clerk</i> .	}	<i>Police.</i>
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CEMETERY.

At the beginning of the year Mr. James A. Bancroft was appointed Superintendent of the Cemetery, and he has had the care of the grounds and avenues. These are in good condition.

NEW RECEIVING TOMB.

In accordance with the instructions of the town, and after due consideration it was decided to locate the new tomb in the north side of "Locust Hill." Messrs. James A. Bancroft and Edward Appleton were chosen by the Board as a committee to prepare plans and specifications, and they were subsequently chosen to make the contracts for and to supervise the building of the tomb.

The contract for building was awarded to Messrs. W. W. Nason & Co., they being the lowest bidders.

This work has been well done and the town now has a plain but substantial structure of sufficient size to meet all demands for many years hence.

The sum expended for this purpose has fallen within the appropriation made by the town.

A full statement of such expense and also of all other expenses connected with the care of the cemetery will be found in the Reports of the Selectmen and Treasurer.

A tool house has been built and placed in the northerly part of the cemetery, and a fence separating the grounds from land of Mr. J. A. Hamilton has been constructed at joint expense (one half each).

REMARKS.

During the coming year the face wall on Main street near land of Mr. Thomas Jeffrey should be repaired, and it will also be necessary to do some further concreting on the avenues.

The present hearse house which has been in use for many years is inadequate for the proper care of the hearse.

It could be replaced by a larger one at small expense, while

the old one could be used for other purposes in a different location.

The stone posts should also be reset at the south gate.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We would therefore recommend that a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars together with the proceeds of the sale of lots, be raised and appropriated by the town for the care of the cemetery, all needed repairs and the building of a new hearse house.

We would also recommend that in the use of the new tomb the following "Rules" be adopted:—

1st. That all bodies placed in the tomb should be removed on or before May 1st of each year.

2nd. That all bodies not so removed, shall after due notice of at least one week be removed by the town.

3rd. That from May 1st to November 1st of each year, bodies shall not remain in the tomb for a longer time than one week each.

4th. Bodies of those persons who have died of contagious diseases shall not be placed in the tomb.

At the present time there are several vacant lots of land between the north boundary of the cemetery and Federal street. As the lots in the present cemetery are being rapidly taken, we would suggest that the Trustees be authorized to negotiate for the purchase of said lots, and to report to the town at a subsequent meeting for what amount these lots could be purchased by the town.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS O. DEWEY, *Chairman.*
FRANK W. B. PRATT, *Secretary.*
EDWARD APPLETON,
LEWIS M. BANCROFT,
JAMES A. BANCROFT,
OREN N. JONES.

} *Trustees
of the
Cemetery.*

LIBRARY REPORT.

The Trustees of the Public Library submit the following report:—

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Appropriation.....	\$450.00	
Amount of Dog Tax....	427.51	
	<hr/>	\$877.51
Expenditures :—		
L. S. Cox, Librarian.....	\$157.60	
Jessie Grouard, assistant.....	15.90	
J. W. Ripley, binding.....	34.85	
Estes & Lauriat, books.....	357.82	
Citizens Gas-Light Co., gas, 1887.....	23.80	
“ “ gas, 1888.....	32.35	
J. Stokes, services.....	5.56	
F. W. Parker, services.....	23.98	
For ice.....	2.40	
For insurance.....	30.00	
Wm. Proctor, rent.....	180.00	
C. L. Martin, fuel.....	4.75	
C. M. Barrows & Co., printing.....	8.50	
	<hr/>	\$877.51

FINE ACCOUNT.

Balance reported 1888.....	\$63.00	
Received for fines.....	36.45	
Cards.....	4.10	
Catalogues.....	10.75	
Paper.....	.35	
	<hr/>	\$114.65
Paid for expressage.....	\$3.85	
Incidentals.....	4.30	
Books.....	43.50	
	<hr/>	51.65
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Balance.....		\$63.65

The following volumes have been presented to the library :—

NAME OF DONOR.	NO OF VOLUMES.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.....	4
United States.....	7
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Total.....	11

Circulation for the year ending March 1st, 1889, 14,900 volumes.

Two vacancies require to be filled at the annual meeting, the terms of Messrs. Foster and Wadlin expiring.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN FOSTER, *Chairman.*
 HORACE G. WADLIN, *Secretary.*
 JAMES H. GRIGGS,
 CYRUS M. BARROWS,
 HARLEY PRENTISS,
 CHAS. D. THOMAS,
Trustees.

READING, March 15, 1889.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF READING,
FOR THE YEAR 1888-9.

School Committee.

EDWARD F. PARKER,	.	.	Term expires	1889.
CYRUS M. BARROWS,	.	.	" "	1889.
HORACE G. WADLIN,	.	.	" "	1890.
WALTER S. PARKER,	.	.	" "	1890.
GILMAN L. PARKER,	.	.	" "	1891.
WARREN E. EATON,	.	.	" "	1891.

Truant Officers.

HENRY STOCK.

LAFAYETTE FORD.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE.

W. S. PARKER, *Chairman.*

G. L. PARKER, *Secretary.*

SUB-COMMITTEES.

High School, { W. S. PARKER,
H. G. WADLIN,
G. L. PARKER.

Eighth Class Grammar, W. E. EATON.

Seventh Class Grammar, C. M. BARROWS.

Sixth Class Grammar, G. L. PARKER.

Fifth Class Grammar, E. F. PARKER.

Fourth Class Grammar, G. L. PARKER.

Third Class Primary, H. G. WADLIN.

Second Class Primary, W. S. PARKER.

First Class Primary, H. G. WADLIN.

Chestnut Hill Grammar, C. M. BARROWS.

“ “ Primary, C. M. BARROWS.

Prospect St. Grammar, W. E. EATON.

“ “ Primary, W. E. EATON.

Lowell St. School, E. F. PARKER.

Main St. School, E. F. PARKER.

Haverhill St. School, C. M. BARROWS.

Prudential Committee and { E. F. PARKER.

Committee on Supplies, { C. M. BARROWS.

Committee on Text Books, { W. S. PARKER,
G. L. PARKER,
C. M. BARROWS.

Committee on Music, { W. S. PARKER,
G. L. PARKER.

In accordance with the Public Statutes chap. 46, sec. 8, we submit the following report :

CHANGES IN TEACHERS.

In our last report we were obliged to report many changes in our corps of Teachers. This year we have been more fortunate ; instead of thirteen changes as reported last year, we have only four this year,—all in the High School excepting Miss Winnefred Emerson, who is at the Main street school.

HIGH SCHOOL.

At the commencement of the Fall term in September, the school opened under the principalship of Mr. Wilson R. Butler formerly of the High School of Warren, Rhode Island, who came to us after several years of very successful experience in that place.

He has been ably assisted by Miss Olive A. Prescott, who has served us so acceptably in the past and Miss Carrie E. Berry, who had for several years been a prominent teacher in the town of Andover, and whose services we were able to procure only because she wished to change her field of work.

Some alteration was made in the course of study at the beginning of the year. We have now, as will be seen by reference to the course of study as printed elsewhere, three courses : An English course, an English Latin course, and a Latin course.

The Committee is sensible to the fact that there has been a growing demand that our High School should fit pupils for such institutions as the Institute of Technology, Lawrence Scientific School, and also that we should be able to fit pupils for Harvard College or other institutions of a similar character.

Many pupils after graduating have entered the Normal Schools at Salem and Bridgewater, but those pupils who wished

to enter College were obliged to go elsewhere to get the necessary instruction.

This want we have now met in such a way that nothing will be lost from the English course.

This does not mean that every time-killer that barely squeezes through our course with just high per cent. enough to graduate will be able to gain admittance to any of our higher institutions. But it does mean that any active, ambitious boy or girl who is determined to work and has the pluck and brain to do it, will have every opportunity and the required help to gain the desired end.

It is hoped that the parents will, when their children enter the High School, give time and thought to the consideration of which course it is best for them to pursue.

It is sometimes, we fear, settled without due consideration; often left to the child's wish, feeling or fancy.

We know from personal knowledge that studies have been dropped because they were difficult, or taken simply because they were easy or "the study was not liked." If the subject is not thought to be practical or useful — will not aid us in our after life — is less useful than some other, well and good, but is it fair and just to our children to allow freedom of choice simply on account of ease or dislike either for the subject or the teacher who happens to teach it. The interests involved deserve our most careful and profound consideration. The future well being of our children may be at stake on our decision.

One example will suffice. The tendency not to pursue Latin was very marked at the beginning of the year in the entering class "on account of the impracticability of the study to business life." In fact it was not considered a "bread and butter study," and time could be better spent than in the study of Latin.

What does the result show? Are those who did not take

the study more advanced in other subjects than those pupils who did study Latin? Strange as it may seem, just the reverse is true. Those pupils who take Latin are on the average better in the English studies, and they have derived the benefit of the drill and discipline in the Latin besides.

Who are the gainers? Other examples might be given of subjects purely English which have been rejected by the pupil for the most frivolous reasons. A good physical mental and moral character cannot be built without hard work.

While we believe that the work done in our schools has been during the past year of a higher grade than last year, yet we still think that we have not reached the high plane on which we ought to rest.

What an influence would emanate from our High School if we had a few earnest young men and women there preparing to enter college!

In any community the quality of the lower schools is raised by the efficiency of the higher. In fact, Harvard was the beginning of our school system.

COURSE OF STUDY.

The course of study as mapped out has been tried nearly two years; as a whole it seems to work well, but alterations will have to be made in it as occasion requires.

As the number of pupils increase, the need of a carefully prepared course of study becomes more apparent, to the end that the teacher's time and force shall be used in the best possible way for the greatest good to the greatest number. While educators all agree that systematic grading is a necessity, yet the system should be as elastic as possible, in order that the bright, able pupil when he reaches the stage where the grade ceases to supply him with the proper intellectual nutriment, can be advanced to the next grade. The course of study

should be our servant and never our master. The course is made for the pupil not the pupil for the course. A quotation from the report of Supt. Thomas M. Balliet of Springfield is pertinent: "It will, probably, always be necessary to promote pupils from grade to grade at the end of the year by classes, yet a course of study ought to be so graded that individual pupils may be able to pass readily into a higher grade at any time in the year when they may show themselves able to do the work of such grade.

The public schools have no right to sacrifice the brighter children to the duller ones. No child able to do with advantage the work of a higher grade ought to be kept back for the sake of duller classmates. This is an ideal which, in spite of the complex machinery of a large public school system, can be realized more nearly than might at first appear possible, by a proper grading of the course of study. It is a serious mistake to grade the work in a course of study by topics, and to require that one topic in any given study be finished before another is begun. On the contrary, we ought to teach in the primary school the elements of as many different topics in the various branches as possible, and then, as the pupil advances, let the work widen and become more and more difficult. In this way the pupil, as he passes from grade to grade seldom meets with anything wholly new to him, but feels that he has had the elements in the lower grade of what he now studies more thoroughly in detail in the higher."

President Eliot, of Harvard College, voices the same idea when he says that it is the mistake of teachers to expect children to finish subjects thoroughly.

Childhood never can *finish* any subject, manhood only can be expected to do that.

In our systematizing courses of study we must guard against losing sight of the aim of all education—the *individual*.

MILITARY DRILL.

We stated in our last report that we had adopted military drill as one of the regular exercises in the High School, and that we should watch with considerable interest to see whether it tends to elevate the tone of the school as regards law, order and good government.

We are pleased to state that it has in a measure met the desired results, and we expect ere long that it will attain to our highest hopes, and become a positive benefit to the young men in the High School, aiding them materially in maintaining a strong physique and a high moral character.

Professor Tucker says that "a fortune can be made in a day, but a great moral purpose is a thing of time, it must begin with the boy." Anything in the school life of a pupil that will elevate his manhood has value in it.

PROMOTIONS.

The most difficult as well as the most delicate problem with which we have to deal is the matter of promotions at the end of the year. How shall it be done in order to do justice and increase the efficiency of the schools and not discourage and dishearten the slow and plodding pupils, and yet satisfy the active and the brilliant? The methods pursued in different parts of the country are legion. Many rely too much on written examinations, which are only one test and not always the best to determine a pupils' capacity for the next grade of work.

We have in several cases promoted on probation. Most of the pupils promoted in that way have been able to do satisfactory work and go on with the class; a few only have returned to do the work over again.

We are pleased to record the kind and firm spirit with which nearly all the parents have assisted the teachers and committee in raising the standard of our schools.

If a pupil *cannot* or *will not* do the work properly in one grade he ought not to be advanced to the next.

SCHOOLHOUSES.

The town at the last annual meeting voted a special appropriation for the schoolhouse at Chestnut Hill. New floors have been laid, the old double seats removed and new single desks and chairs put in, the walls tinted and ceiling whitened. Both rooms are heated by a furnace instead of stoves, as formerly.

An unexpended balance of \$55.72 remains on the appropriation for this work, and this is required to complete certain work connected with the heating and ventilation of the building, which the Committee desire to carry out when the weather permits the abandonment of fire in the furnace.

For this reason we ask the re-appropriation of this unexpended balance.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The Committee recommend that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,800 for regular school expenses, which includes according to State statute, teachers' salaries, fuel, care of building.

They also recommend that \$1,800 be raised and appropriated for incidental school expenses, including the purchase of textbook supplies; \$1,800 *together* with the annexed balance of \$55.72 remaining from the special appropriation made for repairs at the Chestnut Hill School, this unexpended balance being required to complete work there, as before stated.

Attention is especially called to the statistics and to the report of receipts and expenditures contained in the appendix.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES.

Two vacancies in the Committee are to be filled at the ensuing town meeting. The terms of Messrs. Edward F. Parker and Cyrus M. Barrows expire.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER S. PARKER,	} <i>School Committee of Reading.</i>
HORACE G. WADLIN,	
GILMAN L. PARKER,	
WARREN E. EATON,	
CYRUS M. BARROWS,	
EDWARD F. PARKER,	

Adopted in School Committee, March 14, 1889.

TABLE SHOWING SALARIES, ATTENDANCE, AND NUMBER OF VISITORS.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	No. of Visitors.	TEACHERS NOW EMPLOYED.	SALARIES NOW PAID.	Average Membership.			Average Attendance.			Pupils during year under 1½ years.	Pupils during year under 5 years.
				1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.		
High School.....	76	{ Wilson R. Butler, Principal..... Miss Olive A. Prescott, 1st Assistant..... Miss Carrie E. Berry, 2d Assistant.....	\$1500 00 per year. 15 00 " " 13 00 "	95	98	94	89	95	91	69	..
Eighth Class Grammar.....	60	Miss Lilla H. Morrell.....	12 00 "	30	48	46	29	46	44	3	..
Seventh Class Grammar.....	77	Miss Alice Barrows.....	12 00 "	25	31	29	25	29	28	1	..
Sixth Class Grammar.....	64	Miss Annie F. Merriam.....	12 00 "	32	33	33	31	32	31	..	..
Fifth Class Grammar.....	63	Miss Kate L. Beard.....	10 00 "	30	37	37	29	35	35	..	..
Fourth Class Grammar.....	96	Miss Edith J. Holden.....	10 00 "	38	33	32	36	32	30	..	..
Third Class Primary.....	108	Miss Mary W. Howard.....	11 00 "	27	39	41	25	37	38	..	..
Second Class Primary.....	81	Miss Elvora Emerson.....	10 00 "	36	40	41	33	36	36	..	..
First Class Primary.....	269	Miss Ruth L. Pratt.....	12 00 "	59	57	57	51	48	45	..	..
Chestnut Hill Grammar.....	43	Miss M. Angie Pearson.....	8 00 "	27	28	29	23	26	27	..	..
Chestnut Hill Primary.....	29	Miss Annie P. Reid.....	8 00 "	39	42	42	35	38	38	..	..
Prospect St. Grammar.....	111	Miss M. Fannie Wilson.....	11 00 "	33	29	32	29	27	30	1	..
Prospect St. Primary.....	88	Miss Addie M. Bancroft.....	8 00 "	32	43	42	29	39	37	..	..
Lowell St. Mixed.....	74	Miss A. Olive Pearson.....	8 00 "	31	33	31	29	31	28	..	..
Main St. Mixed.....	28	Miss Winifred Emerson.....	6 00 "	11	11	11	10	10	10	..	..
Haverhill St. Mixed.....	20	Miss Hattie F. Damon.....	8 00 "	25	26	25	22	24	23	..	..
	1287			570	628	622	525	585	571	74	..

APPENDIX.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population of Reading, (1885).....	3,539
Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age, May, 1888.....	583
Number of children between 8 and 14 years of age, May, 1888.....	370
Amount appropriated for instruction, fuel, and care of rooms.....	\$9,800 00
Amount appropriated for incidentals....	1,850 00
Amount drawn from State School Fund.....	103 58
Amount from books and supplies sold.....	24 54
“ “ sale of school house and materials.....	187 60
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Total receipts	\$11,965 72
Expended for instruction, fuel and care of rooms.....	\$9,886 78
Expended for text books and supplies.....	589 53
Expended for incidentals.....	1,489 41
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Total expenditures.....	\$11,965 72

PUPILS.

Number of different pupils enrolled during the year.....	719
Average membership of all the schools.....	607
Average attendance in all the schools during the year....	560
Percentage of attendance, based on average membership	92
Number attending within the year between 8 and 14 years of age (compulsory age)	389
Number of pupils admitted to the High School	33
Age of youngest pupil admitted, 11 years, 8 months.	
Age of oldest pupil admitted, 15 years, 9 months.	
Average age of pupils admitted, 13 years, 9 months.	

TEACHERS.

Number of male teachers employed.....	1
Number of female teachers employed.....	17
Average wages per month of female teachers.....	\$40 70
Number of teachers who have attended Normal schools..	9
Numbers of teachers who have graduated from schools...	8

NAMES OF PUPILS GRADUATED FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL, JUNE 1888.

FOUR YEARS COURSE.

Charles Francis Bessom.

THREE YEARS COURSE.

Arthur Gould Bancroft,	Chrissie Woodward Copeland,
Herbert Cyrus Barrows,	Hattie May Corkins,
George Frederick Coffin Bent,	Lena Rossetta Hale,
Gertrude Lovejoy Bessom,	Henry Wilson Jones,
Delia Converse,	Minnie Louise Jones,
Hattie May Legro,	Winthrop Dana Parker,
Amie Annie Nichols,	Amy Putnam Richardson,
Walter Bancroft Nichols,	William Henry Shannon,
Adelaide Miller Parker,	Mabel Thomas,
Edith Bancroft Parker,	Chester Kidder Wakefield,
Edward Wright Briggs.	

ROLL OF HONOR.

Giving names of those who have been neither absent nor tardy since March, 1888, and the schools to which they belong.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Albin K. Parker,	Fred. W. Walker,
*Grace D. Sweetser,	Louis G. Hill,
Harry J. Wilson,	‡Grace I. Fox.

EIGHTH CLASS GRAMMAR.

Etta Johnson,	Mabel F. Temple,
Emma E. Totten,	Harry I. Brown,
Carl G. Parker,	‡Alverde H. Parker.

SEVENTH CLASS GRAMMAR.

†Kirk A. Parker.

SIXTH CLASS GRAMMAR.

Annie M. Martin,
Josephine A. Sweetser,Helen A. Parker,
Harriet M. Totten.

FIFTH CLASS GRAMMAR.

Charles F. Perry,

Lila H. Beal.

FOURTH CLASS GRAMMAR.

Roy E. Parker,

Patsey Devaney.

THIRD CLASS PRIMARY.

S. Quincy P. Brown,

Bertha M. Eames.

‡Edith M. Sweetser.

SECOND CLASS PRIMARY.

Mary H. Barr.

FIRST CLASS PRIMARY.

Harry C. Barr.

CHESTNUT HILL PRIMARY.

Robert B. Weston.

PROSPECT ST. GRAMMAR.

Lulu M. Carlton,

Clinton W. Crafts,

Edgar O. Dewey.

MAIN ST. SCHOOL.

Helen A. Bond.

* Neither absent nor tardy for five years.

† Neither absent nor tardy for three years.

‡ Neither absent nor tardy for two years.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

EXPENDED FOR TEACHING.

High School.....	\$2394 80	
Eighth Class Grammar.....	494 00	
Seventh " "	456 00	
Sixth " "	444 00	
Fifth " "	380 00	
Fourth " "	368 00	
Third " Primary.....	418 00	
Second " "	368 00	
First " "	456 00	
Chestnut Hill Grammar.....	304 00	
" " Primary.....	304 00	
Prospect St. Grammar.....	394 00	
" " Primary.....	280 00	
Lowell St. Mixed.....	304 00	
Main " "	228 00	
Haverhill St. Mixed.....	292 00	
Music Teacher.....	400 00	
		\$8284 80

EXPENDED FOR JANITORS.

Centre School Buildings.....	\$387 00	
Prospect St. School Building.....	108 00	
Chestnut " " "	57 00	
Lowell " " "	36 00	
Main " " "	28 50	
Haverhill " " "	38 00	
		\$654 50
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$8939 30

Amount brought forward,

\$8939 30

EXPENDED FOR FUEL.

Wendell Bancroft, for Coal.....	\$119 97	
C. L. Martin, “ “	740 65	
W. W. Davis, for Wood.....	6 25	
L. J. Walker, “ “	13 50	
H. E. Cox, “ “	24 37	
H. W. Batchelder, for Wood.....	4 00	
A. S. Nichols, “ “	19 87	
	<hr/>	\$928 61
Howard W. Batchelder, Labor on Wood.....	\$8 12	
Horace W. Blanchard, “ “ “	4 75	
C. F. Bessom, “ “ “	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$18 87
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		\$947 48
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		\$9886 78
Appropriation.....	\$9800 00	
Drawn from Mass. School Fund.....	86 78	
	<hr/>	\$9886 78

CHESTNUT HILL REPAIRS.

Appropriation.....	\$750 00	
Expended.		
N. W. Broad, Labor and Material.....	212 60	
Wm. M. Titus, Furnace.....	185 00	
A. G. Whitcomb, Furniture.....	180 80	
Moses E. Nichols, Painting.....	94 37	
S. W. Bowker, Grading.....	13 12	
W. W. Nason & Co., Labor.....	6 00	
B. & M. R. R. Freight.....	2 37	
	<hr/>	\$694 26
Unexpended.....		55 74
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		\$750 00

EXPENDED FOR BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Wm. Ware & Co.....	\$72 17	
Harrison Hume.....	56 45	
J. L. Hammett.....	120 70	
F. M. Ambrose	26 99	
Lee & Shepard.....	47 25	
A. C. Stockin.....	50 35	
Harper & Brothers.....	4 05	
Ginn & Co.....	58 66	
Warren P. Adams	18 67	
George S. Perry.....	22 30	
D. C. Heath & Co.....	10 33	
Carl Shoenhof.....	13 50	
George F. King & Merrill.....	14 60	
Thorp & Adams....	3 33	
A. S. Barnes.....	5 31	
Clark & Maynard.....	1 34	
Pulsifer, Jordan & Pfaff.....	31 00	
John C. Haynes.....	45	
Kischuitts & Co.....	17 50	
Thompson, Brown & Co.....	9 25	
Boston School Supply Co.....	4 00	
George Frost & Co.....	1 33	
	<hr/>	\$589 53

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Boston & Maine R. R.....	\$1 16	
R. Dexter Temple, selling school house..	5 00	
Harry P. Bosson, insurance.....	45 00	
N. W. Broad, labor and material.....	99 03	
A. G. Whitcomb, furniture.....	198 85	
W. H. Twombly & Sons, printing.....	2 50	
John H. Bancroft, labor.....	9 15	
George F. Cook, setting glass.....	3 00	
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$363 69	\$589 53

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$363 69	\$589 53
Albin K. Parker, labor.....	23	
C. M. Barrows & Co., printing	27 00	
Greenleaf S. Tukey, plumbing	37 10	
D. W. Spooner, labor and material.....	16 55	
Everett C. Parker, labor.....	2 85	
Wendell Bancroft, labor and material.....	344 23	
Cummings' Express.....	3 05	
Moses E. Nichols, painting.....	92 04	
H. F. Miller & Sons, use of Piano.....	8 00	
Fuller, Holtser & Co.....	7 20	
Edward B. Ney	2 50	
Citizens Gas-Light Co., gas.....	16 55	
Old South M. E. Society, use of Church.....	18 00	
Sylwin B. Muse, concrete.....	6 53	
W. W. Nason & Co., labor and material.....	87 35	
Maynard & Noyes, ink.....	7 50	
Albert J. Bancroft, labor and material.....	151 35	
George M. Stevens, alarm.....	25 50	
Gilman L. Parker, expenses	15 35	
Ephraim Wight, labor and material.....	11 74	
Patrick Connely, labor.....	17 13	
R. L. Beers, repairing clocks, &c.....	9 85	
Daniel C. Sanborn, labor.....	1 40	
M. Forbes & Son.....	4 95	
Ernest M. Skinner, tuning Piano.....	2 50	
John B. Gifford, for supplies.....	9 37	
S. W. Bowker, labor.....	79 95	
Fred. H. Holton & Co., ventilator.....	13 50	
Chas. C. Dyke, concrete.....	1 80	
J. C. Cook, painting.....	46 41	
Frank W. Danforth, lining blackboard.....	50	
Philip H. Butler, marble slab.....	10 25	
Langs' Express.....	12 60	
Wm. M. Titus, labor and supplies.....	4 35	
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$1458 87	\$589 53

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$1458 87	\$589 53
A. C. Libby & Sons, supplies..	3 25	
Heirs of George O. Batchelder, rent of land....	5 00	
Henry K. Austin, repairs.....	1 80	
Lewis E. Gleason, thermometers.....	50	
M. A. Stone, supplies.....	16 04	
T. Littlefield, repairs.....	2 50	
Laton W. Bryant, labor.....	1 45	
	<hr/>	\$1489 41
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		\$2078 94

Appropriation.....	\$1850 00	
Received from School-house sold.....	150 00	
“ “ Lumber “	50	
“ “ Stone “	37 10	
“ “ Books and Supplies sold	24 54	
“ “ School Fund.....	16 80	
	<hr/>	\$2078 94
Books and Supplies in hands of Agent....	\$110 71	

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF READING,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Lyceum Hall in said Reading, on Monday, the first day of April, A.D. 1889, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collectors, School Committee, Engineers of the Fire Department, Trustees of the Public Library, Trustees of the Cemetery and Auditors.

ART. 3. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Constables, one Road Commissioner for three years, also on separate ballot, two members of the

School Committee for three years ; also on separate ballots to bring in their votes in answer to the question “ shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town ; ” each ballot to be received at the same time in separate boxes.

ART. 4. To choose all other necessary Town Officers.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 225 of the Statutes of 1878 in relation to the election of a Board of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, to take effect at the Annual Town Meeting in 1890.

ART. 6. To determine how much money the Town will raise for schools, incidental school expenses, repairs of highways and bridges, removing snow and ice, fire department, support of the poor, street lights, salaries of town officers, state and military aid, printing, abatement of taxes, town office, maintenance of the police, cemetery, public library, soldiers' graves, interest on the town debt, reduction of the town debt, and miscellaneous expenses.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will employ night watchmen the ensuing year, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 9. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of laying concrete sidewalks and edgestones the ensuing year, provided the abutters pay one half the expenses of laying the same, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 10. To see what instructions the Town will give their Assessors, Selectmen, Collector and Auditors.

ART. 11. To determine the compensation of the Collector.

ART. 12. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the enforcement of the liquor law or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the care of the Town clock, on the Old South M. E. Church for the ensuing year.

ART. 14. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the improvement of the Common, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will extend Haven street through to Parker street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 16. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the repair of Green street at the intersection of Village street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to build a sidewalk on the north side of Prescott street, commencing at the corner of the property owned by Mrs. M. B. Garfield and continuing to Summer avenue, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to lay a cross-walk over Arlington and Washington streets at their junction with Prescott street.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to lay a cross-walk over Linden street at its intersection with Woburn street, and also one over Woburn street at its junction with Linden street.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate one hundred and twenty-five dollars to concrete the gutters on each side of Woburn street, commencing at the corner of Temple street and extending to the brook on the northerly side and abutting the estate of Mrs. Clinton B. Holden on the southerly side to said brook.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will authorize its officers to lay a sidewalk on the south side of Woburn street from West street to the residence of Needham Nichols.

ART. 22. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to widen Charles street and construct a sidewalk between Pearl and Wakefield streets in said Reading, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to straighten and repair Pearl street, between Charles and Salem streets.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars, to repair the concrete sidewalk on Salem street.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to appoint a Town Forester, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will erect a fire alarm box at or near the residence of J. B. Nichols, and that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be raised therefor.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will erect and maintain a street light on Sanborn street, in the lower and shaded portion thereof, between Woburn and Haven streets.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars from its Treasury to pay the outstanding debt of the Fire Department, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will pay the Hosemen of the Fire Department the sum of fifty cents per hour while on fire duty, instead of twenty-five cents as now paid.

ART. 30. To see if the Town will give any instructions to the Selectmen in regard to the Reading Water Company, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 31. To see if the Town will sell the Real Estate belonging to the Town, deeded by John R. Dennett, situate on Avon street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 32. To see if the Town will expend the sum of thirty-five dollars for a Pump and Watering Trough at the corner of West and Woburn streets.

ART. 33. To see if the Town will erect and maintain a street light at the south-east corner of Prospect and King streets.

ART. 34. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen or the Road Commissioners, or whoever may have the authority to appoint a Town Forester, to appoint such an officer for the ensuing year, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 35. To see if the Town will accept in trust the sum of one hundred dollars as by the will of the late Sarah G. Temple, the interest of which is to be expended yearly for the purpose of keeping in order and condition the burial lot and monument owned by the late Mark M. Temple, situate in the cemetery of said town, and belonging to said town.

ART. 36. To see if the Town will accept in trust the sum of fifty dollars from David C. Temple, Administrator, the interest of said sum to be expended yearly for the purpose of keeping in order and condition the burial lot and stones on the same, owned by the late William Temple, No. 379, situate in the Reading cemetery.

ART. 37. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum to build a new hearse house, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 38. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars to move and build a cellar under the barn at the almshouse, and fit up the same, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 39. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to connect the Hancock engine house bell with the electric alarm, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 40. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Reading Water Company to furnish a supply of water for extinguishing fires or other purposes, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 41. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen in accordance with the vote of the Town, passed under Article 19 of the warrant, acted upon April 2d, 1888.

ART. 42. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate one thousand dollars to widen and straighten Summer avenue and Brook street, as ordered by the County Commissioners, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 43. To hear and act on the report of the Road Commissioners on laying out Pratt street, from Woburn street to Prescott street.

ART. 44. To hear and act upon the report of the Road Commissioners on re-locating Sanborn street from Woburn street to Lowell street.

ART. 45. To hear and act upon the report of the Road Commissioners in relation to guide-posts.

ART. 46. To see if the Town will revise and accept the list of names for jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands, this twenty-first day of March, A. D. 1889.

HORACE L. CUMMINGS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
STILLMAN M. PRATT,	
R. DEXTER TEMPLE,	
	<i>of</i>
	} <i>Reading.</i>

A true copy—Attest :

Constable.

LIST OF JURORS.

The subscribers, Selectmen of the town of Reading, have prepared the following list of persons who, in their judgment, are qualified to serve as jurors, and respectfully submit the same for the action of the town :

Atkinson, George H.	Moulton, Frank W.
Austin, Henry K.	Nichols, Richard B.
Barrows, Cyrus M.	Parker, Clarkson
Bassett, Edwin	Parker, Frank
Batchelder, Howard W.	Parker, Stillman E.
Broad, Nathaniel W.	Parker, Harrison H.
Brown, Henry M.	Parker, Milton D.
Beard, William E.	Pratt, Charles T.
Beasley, George W.	Pratt, Harland P.
Cook, Walter F.	Perkins, William H.
Copeland, Ober	Putnam, George L.
Danforth, Alfred W.	Roberts, John G.
Eames, Charles B.	Ruggles, Edwin O.
Emerson, Arthur G.	Runnels, Joseph F.
Eames, Rufus C.	Robinson, Henry
Emery, Daniel A.	Sawyer, Addison A.
Griggs, James H.	Stoodley, Nathan D.
Hill, Charles H.	Sanborn, Daniel C.
Hunter, William A.	Scott, Walter M.
Johnson, Alden S.	Temple, Arthur W.
Knight, Erastus	Temple, Warren K.
Killam, Joseph W.	Twombly, Willie E.
Lovejoy, Eugene L.	Weston, Charles A.
Manning, Warren A.	Whelton, David
McKay, James	Wight, Ephraim
Meador, George C.	Wightman, William H.
Morton, Joseph R.	Young, Samuel C.

HORACE L. CUMMINGS,	}	Selectmen of Reading.
STILLMAN M. PRATT,		
R. DEXTER TEMPLE,		

READING, March 19, 1889.

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